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THURSDAY, AUGUST 12TH, 2010

We're still in school!

- but don't worry, we are only pretending!



ABOVE: Nathan Williams (left) and friends George Neeson, Toby Thompson and Jack Williams, were back in school last week – they were filming a BBC Wales series. For a full report, see page 5. (Photograph by Malcolm Nugent).

COUNCIL INTERFERENCE IS BLAMED

SHOCK AS TOV DIAMOND JUB

Porthcawl's Diamond Jubilee working group resigned, has claiming town council interferin the

group's activities. Former mayor David Richards was invited to take over the helm of the group by council

Mr Richards told The GEM that, initially, the council appointed Coun Wendy Ingram to sit on the working party and she was there from the He said that she

acted as a link with the town council.
But the council then

decided to appoint two more members to the working party - Sean Aspey and the town mayor, who this year is Coun Mary Emment

Lewis.
It was further decided that the working party would have to meet in the evenings to accommodate councillors who work. That was the

Report by JAYÑE ISAAC

straw for Mr Richards. "Members of my

working group are all known to me and were invited by me, because I was aware of their abilities and experience," he said.

"I have no idea who the councillors are, or what their background and skills are.

"Also, many of the group are involved in other organisations which meet at night, and we do not want to add to the number of evening commitments.

"It seems ridiculous that the council is insisting on this, 22 months before the actual jubilee in 2012." Mr Richards pointed

that he had chaired the working party set up to organise the Queen's golden jubilee in 2002 golden Jubliee in 2002, and also the 'Porthcawl Remembers' events in 2005, which marked the 60th anniversary of the end of the war.

"There was no interference from the council then in the way we operated, and we ran very successful events both times," he recalled.
"We had a very good

relationship with the council, but that has been lacking this time.

'I feel we were being bulldozed, with no consideration for the mem-

bers of the working group, who are all volunteers

Mr Richards stated that he had begun to liaise with Linday Morgan, chairman of the town's chamber of trade and with John Berry of the YMCA, who were both keen to get involved.

"We had arranged a meeting, but it had to be called off because it was in the day, instead evening. the Everything was going well

Council leader David Deere had called a meeting with Mr Richards and with the mayor to see if a way forward could be found. (TURN TO PAGE 19)

Farm & Country's first Welsh store will open in Bridgend customers can make pur-

LEADING rural and farm retailer **SCATS Farm &** Country is set to open its first store in Wales – and has chosen Bridgend.

Due to open later this year, Farm & Country's 20th store will be located in a prominent position on Brackla Industrial Estate with easy access from Junction 36 of the

A spokeswoman stated: "The 3.2 acre site will feature a large retail shop, stocking every-

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rural dweller, including animal health and husbandry items, a Mole Valley Farmers Farm Service customer desk pet and equine departments and a Welsh food and drink department.

"A large yard area will hold good stocks of timber, fencing, gates and fuel tanks, with a sepa-rate garden area stocking outdoor furniture, planters and pots

"The store will offer a separate large animal feed store with a dedicated sales office where

The Slinkies are coming!!

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chases and obtain specialist advice on all feed and yard products.' SCATS Farm &

Country had made a sig-nificant investment in the site in order to transform the former bath and tiles outlet into a one-stop shop for the farming and rural community in Bridgend

The country lifestyle brand is in the process of recruiting more than 25 full and part time staff, including an experienced store manager to lead the

Barry

Alun Johnson, SCATS Farm & Country head of retail sales and marketing, commented:

This is a fantastic site which has allowed us to introduce the SCATS Farm & Country brand and retail offer to customers in and around Bridgend.

"SCATS Farm & Country is part of the Mole Valley Farmers Group who will continue to provide agricultural services in south Wales, including feed and forage solutions for farmers
"South Wales is a key

agricultural trading area and we have been keen for some time to invest in Bridgend providing a retail offering for both farmers and country dwellers living and working in the town and surrounding districts."

SCATS Farm & Country has also announced that it is joining forces with agricul-tural supplies company Glamorgan Farm Supplies to boast a combined farming heritage of more than 100 years.

Glamorgan Farm Supplies will vacate its premises on the Bridgend Industrial Estate, moving stock and team members to the new SCATS Farm & Country store, giving customers a larger product range at competitive prices, with the same quality of service.

Building work has started on the site, with the store due to open in



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ENTERTAINMENT ALL YEAR

Stamps 'thank you'

AM writing to thank The GEM for the safe arrival of the Royal Mint stamps 'Britain Alone'.

It was indeed a lovely surprise. H Morgan, Bridgend

SCHOOL'S PARKING

Council approached the head of Brynteg Comprehensive School to complain about older pupils at the school parking their cars out- have been mounting driveways, on dou- ents who drive their cars ble yellow lines and into the school grounds driving on grass verges in the streets around the school.

In his reply, Dr Chris Davies said he shared those concerns but the answer lay with BCBC. He said he had suggested for the past 15 years that Mount Earl, Heol Gam, Neville Road, Brynteg Avenue, Brynteg Gardens and other cul de

school was a major prob-lem, and the school had reluctantly provided a sixth form car park in a bid to reduce nuisance to

neighbours. Dr Davies said he was dismayed by the way some students drive, and ing sessions about dan- proceed.

replace stolen bikes.

which was sent to

Bridgend and other

town and communi-

ty councils, has been

by the council apologis-

ing for the unauthorised request being made.

The original letter said that 11 bikes kept at the

council depot had been

stolen. They were used to

take young people out on

of £500 per bike.

A letter has been sent

withdrawn.

trips

A request from the request came up

BCBC's youth serv- Bridgend Town Council,

ice for assistance to members were concerned

BRIDGEND Town unacceptable behaviour has to the school with the registration number of the car so that it could be dealt with.

Bryntirion Comprehensive School is also experiencing problems with cars. Concerns residents' about the number of parin the mornings and afternoons, increasing the safety risk to pupils. increasing

The school has now banned parents from driving into the school to collect children in the afternoon. This is being done as a pilot scheme.

There is also a problem with sixth formers bringing their cars to school and parking with-

Sacs be designated "resi in the school grounds. dents only" parking.

Dr Davies said that The town council has students bringing cars to now been told that putting in restricted parking and more double yellow lines around Brynteg Comprehensive School would cost about £7,000.

John Duddrige, from the highways depart-ment, said that if the town council would con training had been provided in the school, including town council would con-

gerous driving.

The council has now
He urged residents to agreed to offer £2,500
report any incidents of towards the cost. The council has nov

about how the theft had

occurred in a council

depot and wanted to

THE COLUMN YOU WRITE

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Abolition of cheques: WHY SHOULD BANKS **BE JUDGE AND JURY?**

AM not sure if people are aware that the banks are considering the complete withdrawal of cheques in the next few vears.

In my view, this could cause serious problems for small businesses and sole traders like plumbers who still make coniderable use of cheques.

It is likely to cause very serious inconvenience to private citizens, when they give a present of money to their children, and clubs who use cheques exten-

sively for paying subscriptions. is run by the banks, whose idea

Even if a free electronic alter-native is provided, this would of an acceptable alternative might be very different from not be as convenient as people would have to queue up to use it rather than leaving payment with the treasurer or, indeed, posting it. For older people who do not want to get involved with computers and so forth, it could cause even greater problems.

A committee is considering the matter and it has been agreed that cheques will not be withdrawn until 'an acceptable alternative' is available.

ternative' is available. *properly protected!*Unfortunately, the committee Gavin Davies

that of users. What is, perhaps, of even

more concern is that the Government has taken a very hands-off approach – in effect, leaving the banks as judge and jury in their own cause.

It seems to me that the general

public should be made aware of the position and, if they agree with my view, take steps to ensure that their interests are

WHY ALL THIS ADULATION FOR PEOPLE WHO MURDER?

S a comparison to be made between the recent adulation for Raoul Moat, shown by a small but vociferous section of the community, and those (in this country and abroad) who declare that terrorists stand for some righteous cause?

In both cases, these opinions are irrational and even insane. These pathetic hangers-on who 'identified' with Moat, would have been his first Bikes request target, without compunc-tion, however they grovis withdrawn elled.

That was the method by which he hoped to succeed in his way of life, by terrifying people who shared his values – but are weaker, in body, conceit and vanity. Similarly, those who

know who was responsi-ble for their security. claim that the terrorist is a 'freedom fighter', are A letter was sent to BCBC, asking if police had been informed of the quite as likely to be blown to pieces by the theft and asking if there terrorist, as those who was any CCTV evidence oppose terror.

The terrorist frequent-

to pinpoint the culprits.
The second letter ly chooses the innocent quite deliberately – in withdrew the application for financial help. market, church or

The GEM has now asked what happened to the bikes and how is the They asked for help in theft being investigated replacing them at a cost by the council.

We have also asked if However, when the the police are involved.

mosque - and the concept of a conscience is seen by him as weak-

ness.
The terrorist is against humanity, because of pathological hatred. Moat shared this extreme form of mindless anger, which may have been a deliberate choice of his personality, because he lacked any higher heliefs

Is it possible that the lack of compassion or human sympathy, alone, could so poison any mind? Surely not.

Irrational or not, the riewpoint of his apologists presents us with a huge social problem. What kind of forces

in our society develop the emotional distortions of people who admire Moat, when he is bashing other people – until the day when he breaks into their house, and they phone the police, begging to be protected

from him? Yes, they are stupid, but that is obvious. It is not an explanation. What made them so stupid?

I suggest a couple of explanations: that the entertainment industry glories in blood and ter-

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ror, to grab the attention of the viewers; and perhaps a few of us have a predisposition to imitate what we see, as 'joy-riders' in stolen cars are encouraged by well-staged car chases on so many films.

I suggest that current affairs are presented in a similar manner, not so that one might understand banking, and plan how to prevent future dishonesty, but rather to stir up the emotion of frustrated anger, that we are helpless pawns of bankers who cheat us.

We are not pawns of anyone, if we gain understanding. There is another

explanation, that if you push 'mind-changing' drugs into your mouth or your veins, because you think it is smart, you may well end up as a zombie or a mindless The steroids which

Moat took, may have developed his biceps, at the same time as they corroded the cells of his brain. That is a very oor exchange for any human being.

Strange chemicals from a laboratory you know nothing about, will only destroy what you are, as Moat lived to show us all.

CN Westerman, Brynna

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL AUGUST 19)
The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

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While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide tablespecific to their location.

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CARDIFF CROWN COURT ROUND-UP by AJ SICLUNA

Porthcawl man smashed the window at a takeaway shop

refused free food in young customer armed himself with a metal bar.

Ryan Ford then proceeded to smash a plate Liu to fight with him outglass window and cause damage of £845, Cardiff

Ford left, but returned Crown Court has heard.
Ford (18), a student, of

Porthcawl, admitted charges of affray and causing criminal damage and was sentenced to 32 weeks in a young offend-er institution suspended er institution for 18 months.

Judge Christopher Vosper said: "You are heading down a slippery slope. If you don't keep out of trouble, there is only one place for you." Prosecutor Julian

Greenwood said that on Greenwood said mat on April 6, at about A STUDENT swot-10.30pm, Mr Jie Liu was ting for her exams her home.

premises and ordered Porthcawl food, followed by Ford claimed he was acting in Chinese takeaway, a drunk a litre bottle of His cou vodka.

was refused, was asked tributed to his "stupid to leave and invited Mr activities" but there was

with a metal bar which he lence was aimed at prop used to strike a plate erty and not at a person. glass window. A shard of "He is now beginnin broken glass cut Mr Liu's

When arrested, he

His counsel Carl odka. Williams said alcohol He asked for free food and valium had con-

no excuse.

"He made a silly request for food. His vio-

"He is now beginning to accept the effect of ve. what he is doing. He no Soon afterwards, Ford longer drinks to excess made off and Mr Liu and and does not take valitwo colleagues marched um."

Student left 'terrified' by intruder

working in Roger's Cantonese takeway in New Road, Porthcawl. was "absolutely ter-rified" when a man

Burglars crashed cars

electrical items

THREE men who and took televisions, burgled a house of a computers, and other burgled a house of a friend of one of them in Bridgend also made off with two cars from the drive.

One of the vehicles struck an oncoming car after colliding with a side of a bridge and the other was set on fire, Cardiff Crown Court has heard.

Mark Bridgeman (23) of no fixed address, Kyle Davies (20) of Porthcawl and Keiron Done (25) of Kenfig Hill each admitted charges of burglary and aggravated vehicle

taking.
Bridgeman, who was said to have "set up" the burglary, was sentenced to 38 months' imprisonment, and disqualified from driving for three years, Davies was sent to a young offender institution for two years 10 months and disqualified from driving for two years, and Done was sentenced to 12 months and disqualified for a

Prosecutor Prosecutor Iom Crowther said that Bridgeman knew Mr Brady Anderson, who lives in Merthyr Mawr

On May 25, when Mr Anderson left the house, the three men broke in

in getaway

They spotted the ignition keys to two cars in the house and drove off in them

One of the vehicles, a Ford, was seen in Cefn Glas Road Bryntirion, without lights "hammer-ing" towards the bridge. "It hit the side of it

and hit an oncoming car," said Mr Crowther.

The police were

The police were called and Davies and Done were arrested.
Davies was drunk and
truculent. Bridgeman
was arrested the following day ing day.

Done explained to the police that he had 22 pints of lager.

Bridgeman, drove the second vehicle, said he had been very drunk and after crashing it into a wall, set fire to it.

Meirion Davies for Done said: "He was the worse for drink and is not sure how he became involved. He was not a leading light." Nuhu Gobir for

leading light."

Nuhu Gobir for

Davies said: "He was
incredibly stupid," and
Peter Davies for
Bridgeman said: "He
accepts he was the guiding light but at the time
was in despair because was in despair because of the breakdown of a relationship and he was also homeless."

Adrian Jones (39) unemployed of Briton Ferry, was jailed for three years at Cardiff Crown Court. He had admitted charges of attempted burglary and

possessing drugs.
Recorder Richard
Twomlow said: "You
tried to break into an occupied house at 11am. occupied house at 11am. It is not surprising that young girl was terrified and you had screwdrivers on you."

Prosecutor Julian Greenwood said that on the morning of June 14, the student was alone studying in her house in High Street, Laleston.

She heard a loud knock on the door but didn't answer and then began to panic because she could not see who was there. She telephoned her

father for reassurance but after she heard two loud thuds at the back of the house, she became absolutely terrified.

She saw the face of Jones close to the kitchen door before he ran off.

nearby In growth were found his jacket, and two screw-

drivers.
Mr Greenwood said he was arrested a month later in possession of diazapam tablets.

Nicholas Gareth Jones defending said: "It is accepted the only possible sentence is custody It was a totally unsophis ticated attempt to get into the house.

"Sadly, he has a dreadful record for burglary and has spent most of his adult life in cus-

Porthcawl RNLI save schoolboy A 12-year-old holi-spotted the dinghy

day maker was swept out to sea in his dinghy off Porthcawl last week

(August 4).
Following 999 calls from onlookers to Swansea Coastguard, Porthcawl's RNLI inshore lifeboat launched with four crew members, and quickly brought him safely on board and returned him to waiting paramedics at Porthcawl Lifeboat Station.

An RNLI spokesman said: "The boy, Michael Lally from the Wirral, was on holidays in Porthcawl with his family and was swept out from Trecco Bay as an offshore wind blew his dinghy out of control and out to sea. His step father tried to swim to his rescue, but the dinghy was being blown too fast for him to catch.

Fortunately the incident was watched by other people on the beach who quickly dialled 999. Swansea Coastguard paged Porthcawl RNLI crew for an immediate launch. The Wales Air Ambulance was also diverted to attend the incident, together with land based paramedics and a Porthcawl

Coastguard Unit. Helmsman Alex Denny of Porthcawl said: "We raced at full speed to the area, and crew member Jo Missen

News from Porthcawl

Rotary Club

Bill Stubbs takes the chains of office from retiring president Bobby Lewis.

President Bill

takes the helm

at Rotary club

AT a recent meeting

of the Rotary Club

of Porthcawl, presi-

handed the chain of

The new president would like to thank resi-

Porthcawl and surround-

ing area for their support

hopes that they will con-tinue to support Rotary

during 2009-2010 and

dents and visitors to

dent Bobby Lewis

office to the new

president Bill

Stubbs.

during his presidency in 2010-2011.
Bill and his wife

Barbara have lived in

Porthcawl for 25 years

Bill worked at the

Mint at Llantrisant for

24 years and retired in

committed to Rotary and

while Barbara is deputy

they both lead very busy

mayor of Porthcawl

1999. Now he is fully

and originally came

from Tonypandy.

spotted the dinghy but it was clear that it was empty.

Fortunately someone ashore had seen the boy jump out into the sea and attempt to swim. He was then able, via the coastguard, to direct us to Michael.

Philip Missen, lifeboat operations man-ager at Porthcawl said: "This was a life threatening situation for Michael but thanks to tremendous team work from members of the public, his family, coast-guards, paramedics and our lifeboat crew the res

cue was successful."
RNLI station press
officer Ian Stroud said: 'Michael's mother. Joanne, wanted this rescue to be known about so that it could be a warning to others of the dangers of dinghies and airbeds in open water when there is an off-shore wind.

"Although cold and frightened at the time,

Michael was later released from hospital following checks that confirmed he was ok. One lesson we would like to point out from an RNLI prospective is that in a similar situation, it is normally better to stay in a dinghy, as we are more likely to find a casualty quicker than if they are in the sea, and also the cold water around our shores can quickly bring on hyper-thermia".



Left to right: Jean Clark, Celia Imrie, Tony Clark and Jane Thorpe, after the five kilometre Race for Life walk around the deck of the Queen Mary 2, in aid of Cancer Research.

JEAN AND JANE WALK ON WATER!

BREAST survivor, Jean Clark of Ewenny, fully expected to join hundreds of others walking the Cancer Research 'Race for Life' at Cardiff Castle.

That was until she discovered that her husband, Tony, had booked a cruise on the ocean liner Queen Mary 2, to New York, which clashed with the race.
"No problem" said which

cancer Jean, "I'll do the walk on the programme, all keen board!" News of her proposed

walk reached the ears of the Queen Mary 2 director of entertainment, who invited Jean and her friend and fellow passenger, Jane Thorpe, of St Brides Major, to appear on the on-board television programme.

An official start was organised from lifeboat station 14, on deck 7, and Jean and Jane were joined by many other passengers who had seen

to walk 10 times round the deck (five kilometres) in aid of the charity.

Also on board the Cunard flagship was actress Celia Imrie, well known for her roles in Dinner Ladies, Acorn Antiques and as Miss November in Calendar Girls (the one who needed bigger buns).

Celia willingly rose to the challenge of walking with the girls and happi-ly posed for photographs

Study backs bike trails in **Garw Valley**

A FEASIBILITY study into the possibility of creating mountain bike trails in the three valleys within **Bridgend county** borough has come out in favour of development going to the Garw Valley.

Here, the community council has already been hard at work developing and promoting mountain biking. The feasibility study, jointly funded by the borough council and all three community councils, found that the Garw Valley stood clear of the others as the val-ley offering the best terrain to develop trails especially at the old Forestry Commission woodland park at Garw Fechan and also at Blaengarw.
The community coun-

cil hopes to link its trails over the top of the mountain to those in the Afan Valley, which have been ranked in the top 10 worldwide and which attract bikers from all attract bikers from all over the UK and beyond.

The report says that the Ogmore Valley, from Blackmill up to Nantymoel, has a mixture of side slopes but is predominantly steep.

The best access to the valley sides is from Blackmill where the mouth of the valley is

by JAYNE ISAAC

shallower and slopes can be accessed without crossing roads, giving access to a reasonably large forestry block. which could support short to medium length trail loops.

There is the potential

to create a blue-graded family route at Blackmill, but there are multiple landowners involved who would have to permit the devel opment.

The report said that there was a second option in the Ogmore,

Ogmore Valley Life Centre, although the ter-rain would only permit an expert trail to be cre-ated running through

Forestry land.

The report said that it would be better if a short expert trail was created in the Garw instead.

The report more or less rules out the Llynfi Valley because potential trails would be disjointed with many roads along the valley sides

However, the decision to place a BMX track at Caerau should be promoted and linked to the other valleys by joining the community routes at the base of the three val-

Cadet to lay D-Day wreath on behalf of Maesteg

A CADET from the covered that there are the town at the D-Day beaches in Normandy.

Cadet Alexander Hart of 631 (Maesteg) Air Training Corps is taking part in an expedition to he beaches and battlefields of Normandy in

This event is organ-ised annually by No 3 Welsh Wing ATC for

cadets throughout south and west Wales.

The cadets have carried out research and dis- laid.

Maesteg ATC is to lay least 11 men from the a wreath on behalf of Maesteg area buried in Normandy.

The cadets will lay wreaths and take photographs of the graves to create a memorial web-

The squadron asked Maesteg Town Council to support Alexander who has to find £300 towards the cost.

It was agreed that the council will donate £200 and also purchase the wreath which will be artists will be perform-

ing outdoors, with a vari-

ety of stalls selling good-ies, games and refresh-

The choir will be lead-

borough

the wedding of Andrew Thomson and Hayley

As an aside, this was

It is nice to know the

building is still function-

ing as a religious estab-

lishment, when so many

churches and chapels in

the borough have closed.

PONTYCYMER saw one of the worst mining

Pit disaster

Williams.

ing the community singing between 2.30pm

Local man threatened father with broken glass

- court is told

REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

put a shard of broken glass to his father's face when demanded money from him.

Cardiff Crown Court heard that Rhys Williams (29) said that unless he was handed £30, he would burn down his father's

home. Williams, Pontycymmer, admitted attempting to rob his father, David Williams, and was sentenced to one year's imprisonment, suspended for two vears. and also years, and also ordered to take part in a drugs rehabilitation programme.

Judge Christopher Vosper said: "Your life is in a mess, but you are trying your best to sort it out."

Prosecutor Michael Hammet said Mr Williams senior owned a civil engineering business.

His son had prob-

lems with drugs and on May 8 went to Mr Williams senior's home in Llangeinor and demanded money.

DRUG addict held a shard of broken glass to his father's face and grabbed him by the shirt, before threatening to burn down his house.

Over the next few days, said Mr Hammet, Williams returned to his father's home a number of times, but he was later arrested and told the police his heroin addiction was costing him £20 a day.

He said he had debts to drugs dealers and had been threatened with "kneecapping".

Kevin Seal defending said:

"He is anxious and apologetic. At the time, his drug problem was escalating and he had suffered two close bereavements - and he was beginning to follow a destructive path.

"He now has feelings of shame and is drugs-free.

"He has turned a corner, though he is not completely out of

NEWS FROM AROUND AND ABOUT YOUR AREA

Choir 'home' OGMORE Valley male NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS voice choir musical director Eira Paskin is A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news director Eira Paskin is upholding the valleys community spirit by taking the choir back to her birth place, for the Aber/Blaingwynfi fun day on Saturday, August 21.

The event is being held in the public park, and a number of local artists will be perform. columns of The GEM: If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this region, please contact me.

I am very approachable and will endeavour to include every newsworthy subject

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email: tynycoed1@yahoo.co.uk

The frightening thing was the age of these workers; the youngest was 13 years of age and the older the older than the older th

and approximately 3.15pm on the day. Happy couple THE choir would like to congratulate the happy couple who will be get-

ting married at 12.30pm on August 22 in one of the oldest churches in Bridgend at son's fault. Merthyr Mawr.

The choir will be leading the hymn singing at

The Wallich Clifford at the time.

ommunity charity oper
Mr Islwyn Thomas, Community charity operates throughout Bridgend county borough, and provides an outreach service to people who are sleeping rough, such as pro-viding hot drinks, food, blankets and most impor-

the church where my parents were married before the Second World War. It has a centre in emotional scene.

Bridgend where homeless people have use of Howells awarr facilities.

tenancy.
If interested in provid-

disasters to happen in ing assistance to the charity, or if you feel you

fields. This was at the need help, telephone saurus b Llest Colliery on August 01656 674184; or call in ernors, 18, 1899, where 19 at 10, Park Street, funds workers lost their lives. Bridgend, CF31 4AX. PTFA.

AT Brynmenyn Primary School, I was recently invited to the leavers' assembly, held and, I was and, invited to the leavers' assembly, held in memory of a teacher throughout Wales, Llynfi while rescuing a which can be brought about for many reasons – not always the person's fault.

The Wallich Cree Community

who was retiring as head-teacher after 17 years, had the distinction of writing the school celebration song. He was invited onto the stage to accompany the choir on his guitar. It was a very

The winner of the SJ Howells award was Loren Bennett. It is It also provides advice awarded for academic, and assistance to anyone who is homeless, or facing difficulties with a throughout the school year, (plus a voucher for the value of £20).

This award first came **Church** into being in 1949 and was given to Marian

Johns.

The winner of the MO
was Robbins award was Daisy Faulkner. This is Daisy Faulkner. This is given for endeavour, effort and always trying one's best, with great progress through the year, (plus a £10).

The Elwyn Jones award was given to Harvey Yorwerth, for sporting achievements, (plus a £5 voucher).

The Yolande Osborne

The Yolande Osborne award for art was given to a junior key stage 2 pupil Floyd Panizales, for a drawing of a coal miner, (plus a £5 vouch-

Yolande Osborne had been a local dignitary who had served as a com-munity councillor and as governor at the school for many years.

The swimming achievements award for the most improved swim-mer went to Kelly Smith, (plus a £5 voucher).

The headteacher's award, given to pupils whom he considered to be the most courteous, considerate and helpful at all times throughout the year, went to two young ladies, Lucy Morgan and Samantha Wilcox, (plus a £5 voucher).

The Islwyn Thomas handwriting award for constant good work was won by Rachel Randall, (plus a £5 voucher).

Every pupil leaving the school was presented with a dictionary and the-

saurus by the school gov-

PARC Slip Nature Reserve has an answer for parents running out of ideas to keep their children occupied in the school holidays school holidays.

The next session is on Wednesday, August 18, between 10am-2pm.

It is recommended that they bring a packed lunch, and wear appropriate clothing and footwear. The cost is £3 per child.

This session will include identifying wild plant life, collecting and sowing seeds of plants identified, and creating a butterfly attraction gar-

This will be on a strictly first come basis. Children under eight must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Volunteers are being sought to help out. Telephone 01656 724100 or e-mail info@welshwildlife.org. for full

welcome

THE Parish of St Bride's, Bettws and Aberkenfig is organising a special welcoming event in the Len Evans Centre, Heol Persondy, Aberkenfig at 10am on Sunday, August 29.

A musical group consisting of a keyboard player, two saxophonists and a violinist will play modern hymns.

They also enhance the 10.30am family Sunday services held on the second and fourth Sundays at St Bride's church. Llansantffraid and the first Sunday at St David's church, Betws.

For more information phone Stephen on 01656 720274

In brief BETWS Fun Day is taking place in Betws Primary School Primary School grounds on Saturday, August 14, starting at 10.30am. All welcome.

Glynogwr Show will be held at Hendre Ifan Goch Farm (Lakeside farm), Blackmill, on August 14 at 10am. Everyone welcome.

Cae Abbot Farm: On Sunday, August 15, starting at 3pm there will be cream teas for sale at £4.50 to raise money for local charities.

To help make it a memorable afternoon. the Ogmore Valley Silver Band will be serenading

The farm is located St Cien's



paid for from Loren Bennett is presented with the SJ Howell raised by the award by Mr David Jenkins, the chair of school governors, for 10 years and a governor at the school for 20 years.



Floyd Panizales is presented with the Yolande Osborne art award by Mrs G Steddy, a school governor at Brynmenyn School.



Rachel Randall receives the Islwyn Thomas award from Mr Islwyn Thomas, the retiring headteacher.



Daisy Faulkner receives the MO Robbins award from Mrs S Bloomfield, a school governor at Brynmenyn School.



Alexander Steddy being presented with the vear-6 mathematics award by Dilys Mitchell, the writer's wife (a volunteer at Brynmenyn School for more than seven years).

At one point, he the woods." Taxi driver assaulted

BRIDGEND police mately 5'6"-5'7" tall, investigating three men assaulted a taxi driver shortly after 1.30am on Monday,

August 9. The men entered the taxi on the main road between Filco and Sarn Club on Heol Canola, They were taken to Brymenyn at the entrance of Bryngarw Park, where they assault-ed the driver who suffered minor injuries.

A police spokesman said they were in the Sarn area late that night and are known to have been in the company of an unknown female prior to getting into the taxi.

One man was described as about 5'9" 5'10" tall with a narrow face, and wearing a dark jacket with lightcoloured baseball cap. Another was approxi-

lightwore a

coloured hooded top.

The third man had a rounded face and also wore a light-coloured

Detective Sergeant Gareth Morgan, of Bridgend CID, said: "We are appealing for any witnesses who may recognise these three suspects, or who may have seen them getting into the taxi in the early hours of Monday morn

"This was a deliberate and cowardly attack on a taxi driver going about his business. I am sure someone will know who

is responsible."

Police stated that three youths, two from the Bryncethin area aged 15 and 17 years old, and a 16-year-old from the Brackla area, had been arrested on suspicion of being involved in the incident.

READ US ONLINE!

Simply log on to: www.bridgend-today.co.uk or www.porthcawltoday.co.uk

Who wants to build what and where?

Santander – 3 Adare Street, Bridgend replacement signage converting the current Alliance & Leicester site to Santander. Lloyds TSB – **49 John**

Street, Porthcawl – install one internally illuminated ATM internally illuminated A1 poster frames. BCBC Corporate Dir

Communities – Covchurch Crematorium, Heol Simonstone, Coychurch – erection of flagpole

with 'Green flag award' flag. Mr Brian Moss – **Twin**

Oaks, Derllwyn Road, Tondu, Bridgend works to sycamore, oak and beech trees including limb/crown reduc-tion, tree removal. Rhys-Davies Properties

Limited - adjacent 26 Parc Derllwyn, Tondu, Bridgend - removal of Mr R Derrick – **land off**

High Street, Heol y Cyw, Bridgend – certificate of lawfulness for use of land for storing materials since 1994 Mr A Wickham – **Three** Horseshoes, Lamb row, south Cornelly – four semi-detached houses and one bungalow within former beer garden

and car park Miss A Davies – 20 Pendre, Bridgend – new vehicular access onto Coity Road. Pen-y-Fai FC - Great

Western Avenue playing fields, Bridgend – relocation of existing chang-Mr G Evans - land at 11

The Retreat, Porthcawl - new detached dwelling. Ms Long – **9 Ton** Tylluan, Broadlands, Bridgend – first floor side extension. Mr JM Gray – 28 Lletai Avenue, Pencoed –

extension to form kitchen and bedroom. Mr S Penry-Ellis – **Ty**

Newydd Farm, Heol West Plas, Coity – foot way and retaining wall adjacent to Heal Simonston highway to replace existing footpath through ty Newydd

Mr D James – 26 Glan y Llyn, North Cornelly – rear side single storey extension. Mr R Singh – 60-62 High Street, Ogmore Vale, Bridgend – con-

vert existing vacant, derelict premises to ground floor restaurant and first floor self-contained flat and two

Last minute direction before filming starts

Thursday, August 12th, 2010 Thank you for saying you saw it in The GEM THE GEM - 5 LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION FOR YOUNG HOPEFULS ON PORTHCAWL FILM SET

PHOTOGRAPHS by MALCOLM NUGENT

MANY young people in Bridgend county borough are putting summer holidays to one side to learn more about film making.

They were busy last week in Porthcawl and The GEM asked MARTHA ROGERS, a Sheffield University student, to spend a day on the film set.

Here is her report...

OUNG television hope-fuls are being given the chance to work on a real set alongside industry professionals around Wales this summer.

'It's My Shout' is a programme which began in Bridgend to give young people who hope to pursue a career in the film and television industry an oppor-tunity to see what it's like working on a real

It's My Shout is making six short films which are produced by young people hoping to become designers actors, crew members

and hair and makeup assistants.

Last week, they were shooting scenes in Newton Primary School, Porthcawl, and also in a house in Nottage.

The first short film is about a young boy who has an abusive mother: in the film the young boy has dream sequences where he dreams about being a pro wrestler and being able to fight back.

Nathan Williams, who plays the young boy called Junior, is thrilled about his star-

ring role. He said: "When I went to the audition I didn't think I'd get the part because there were about 35 other boys who were also audition-

ing"
"When I got it, I was so excited! Nathan has previous-

ly done some theatre work but this will be his biggest role yet.

He said: "When the film goes out on the BBC, I'm going to be really nervous, but also very happy."'
The BBC, who also

partly fund the programme, will be showing the six films this



autumn. BBC representative Ellis Owen was on the set in Porthcawl and says the BBC are glad to showcase the

He said: "It's My Shout is an excellent scheme that helps to bring on young talent with very good teach-

"We are glad to show the films and give people this chance to prop-erly experience the television industry'

The people on set see the experience as a great opportunity, Danny Marie Elias, who was doing hair and makeup on the day and hopes to become a the-atrical and media makeup teacher said: "It's a fantastic experience that a lot of other young people would love to do if they knew about it."

The line producer Dic Jones commented:

"It's a real hands on type programme, It's fantastic for young peo-ple to have a real expe-rience of all the hard work that goes into production, and be able to work with professionals and learn from them.

When I arrived at the set in Nottage, it was clear to me that every body on set was busy doing something.

People were rushing around set trying to sit the actors down to do their make-up, sorting out the lighting for filming, adjusting the tapes on the camera, changing costumes.

Then, out of nowhere, somebody would shout 'ACTION' at the top of their voice and everyone would go completely silent while filming took place so that no background noise would ruin the shot.

ABOVE: Playing Nathan's schoolfriends are: George Neeson, Toby Thompson and Jack Williams.

> RIGHT: Nathan Williams who plays the lead role.

Everybody was try-ing to do everything to perfection, and although to an outsider it seemed a bit 'crazy', everyone assured me they were on track and seemed very happy to be there and be involved.

Everything was done in a professional manner and all were pleased with the work they had completed so far.

The production of these films will take about eight months, from script ideas to the final edit. It's my Shout



was started in Bridgend by Roger Burnell of the Bridgend Youth Theatre, but now runs all over Wales, with some of the filming this year taking place in north Wales

Professional actress Adrienne O'Sullivan who has appeared in BBC's medical drama 'Crash' and feature film 'Submarine', plays the



abusive alcoholic mother in the short film.

Other professional 'big names' have been involved with It's My Shout such as Ruth Jones, Ray Winston Kieron Self and Rob Brydon.

Anyone who wants to work in the television industry and is looking for some hands on experience can get involved through the website www.itsmyshout.co.uk or by emailing roger@itsmyshout.co.uk

COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION FOR LOCAL PENSIONERS

If you are aged 65 or older and do NOT currently receive any council tax benefits, you could be entitled to a one off payment towards your council tax if you apply before the end of August.

Bridgend County Borough Council has been allocated money by the Welsh Assembly Government to help local pensioners with their council tax. Successful applicants will have their council tax for 2010/11 reduced and will benefit from lower instalments. The actual amount of the reduction will depend on the total number of applicants.

Anyone receiving a discount because they live alone is still eligible to apply if they meet the criteria. as is anyone who has a partner below the age of 65.



To qualify you must:

- 1. Be aged 65 or over on 1 June 2010
- 2. Live in the Bridgend County Borough area
- 3. Be responsible for paying council tax; and
- 4. NOT already receiving council tax benefit*

*If you receive a discount because you live alone, you are still eligible to apply if you meet the above critera

To apply, please call in to Bridgend County Borough Council's Customer Service Centre with proof of age. Or you can send a short letter with your full name, address and contact details and stating you would like to apply for the Pensioner Discount 2010 to: Bridgend County Borough Council, The Taxation Section, Pensioner Discount 2010, Level 1, Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend CF31 4WB. Proof of age must be supplied, eg birth certificate, passport, driving licence but please send COPIES ONLY. Do not send original documents. All applications must be received by 31 August 2010. Unfortunately late applications will not be considered.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (01656) 643643

The GEM spotlights all the activities and entertainment at Porthcawl Sea Festival

THERE was plenty on offer for visitors to Porthcawl during the town's sea festival, which ended last Sunday with an afternoon of music featuring young local bands alongside the harbour.

Earlier, there had been various events throughout the week and on the Saturday, Cosy Corner was a hive of activity, with stalls and entertainment.

entertainment,
The Porthcawl Lions organised a teddy bears
picnic for the little ones, with stories and party
food, while there was a wine tent and more
grown-up food on sale as well.
The Mayor of Porthcawl, Coun Mary
Emment-Lewis, was at the festival base over the
weekend, and told The GEM that everything had

gone well, with plenty of sunshine, after a Saturday morning that had threatened rain.

(See page 22 for more photographs from Sea Festival Week.)



ABOVE: Local band Kiss Simple played on Sunday afternoon.



ABOVE: Porthcawl Lions lead the way to the Teddy Bears picnic





Festival crowds support Everest charity challenge



AN extra attraction at Porthcawl Sea Festival was a charity challenge – involving 'climbing' the world's highest moun-

A team of firefighters from Porthcawl and Bridgend set themselves a challenge of climbing the

Bridgend set themselves a challenge of climbing the height of Mt Everest on a ladder!

The marathon challenge was to raise funds for Help the Heroes, Velindre Cancer Support and the Firefighters Benevolent Fund.

After setting up a 25-foot ladder, the team gave themselves 24 hours to complete the challenge, but amazed themselves and their supporters by reaching the summit of Everest (29,029 ft) in an amazing 10.5 hours.

The team were Nathan Bennet, Andrew Graham, Alun Williams, Rob Collins, Phil and Jane May, with crew managers Gareth Richards, Peter Bevan, Jason Lewis, and watch manager Roger Magan. Roger told The GEM: "We would like to thank all

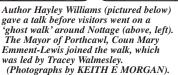
the public who generously donated.

"Also, our thanks go to wives, partners and children for all their help and support, and to local buisnesses who gave support in providing equipment and refreshments

These included Mills scaffolding,JMS fencing, Pietro's coffee shop, Beales Fish and Chip restaurant, The Salthouse and the crew at Porthcawl RNLI Lifeboat Station."

Lifeboat Station."

He concluded: "The team managed to raise £1,500, which will be shared between the three wor-







ABOVE: Charlotte Hatchett entertained the Sunday afternoon crowds, with James Wyatt playing guitar.



ABOVE: 'Once more into the breech... Coun David Newton-Williams feels the strain after 10 minutes of gladiatorial combat with a much younger opponent (See below!)



LEFT: Lorraine Stone of 'Truly Scrumptious' was the winner of the 'Best Trader's Window' in the spot the ball com-petition held for children during sea festival week. She was presented with her prize by Lord Kenfig, Lindsay Morgan, the president of the Porthcawl and District Chamber of Trade and Commerce. (Photograph by Keith E Morgan).



ABOVE: The First Minister with a group of Bridgend county borough Fairtrade campaigners at the National Eisteddfod site in Ebbw Vale.

Bridgend group celebrates gaining Fairtrade status

Bridgend become the latest to awarded Fairtrade status – and campaigners in Eisteddfod.

the

musical

Alan

congratulated by First Minister Carwyn Jones at the National

THIRTY YEARS ON, THE

Porthcawl choir is

who is also the local presented the County Bridgend Fairtrade Partnership with a certificate for becoming the newest

Fairtrade County. MrJones said: "I am pleased to be launching the 'Final Push 4 Fairtrade Counties' campaign.
"I was very proud to celebrate Wales' second

anniversary as world's only Fairtrade nation earlier this year, and I hope that now we can achieve 100 per cent of Welsh counties with Fairtrade status."

"This could not have achieved without the hard work and dedication of the many volunteers and campaigners from across Wales."
Richard Lewis, the

co-ordinator for the Bridgend County Fairtrade Partnership, said: "We are really pleased that we've managed to achieve this for Bridgend county.

"It's taken a long time to get all this information together and I'd like to thank everyone who has helped to make this a reality

Mr Jones presented the certificate (pictured

above) to Margaret Minhinnick, the group's chairperson and director of Sustainable Wates Richard Lewis, projec development officer SUSSED; and F and Rob nd Gary Cook and Gary Chappell, of the Cooperative Stores.
They were joined by

Elen Jones, national co-ordinator for Fairtrade

fied Fairtrade to 82 percent.

Fairtrade County, there should be a demonstra-ble understanding and awareness of Fairtrade

Fairtrade products should be widely avail-able and a commitment will have been made to increasing sales and awareness further still promotional through and educational activi-

Wales, who cracked open a bottle of bottle of open Fairtrade bubbly. The success of Bridgend now brings the amount of local authorities that have been certi-

In order to become of

nents

Max set to sniff out prisoners' mobile phones

MAX the springer spaniel is a dog with a special gift, for sniffing out phones hidden by prisoners at Parc Prison, Bridgend.

Max and his handler, Prison and Custody Officer Gareth Kite, graduated from the South Wales Police Dog Training School Friday. Five-year-old Max,

who is also an opera-tional drugs dog, will take up his new post in Parc Prison, Bridgend, after successfully completing a revolutionary two-week intensive course with the police force.
Officer Kite, previ-

ously a dog handler with the RAF, remarked that the training had been a "challenging and eye opening experience." He added: "I was amazed at the talents

Max demonstrated, and how quickly he was able to pick up the scent of the mobile phones.

"The course was incredibly informative and I was privileged to work alongside two very experienced instruc-

Police dog trainers Steve Sutton and David Conway compiled the to Max being able to detect all mobile phone parts – including SIM cards and batteries.

PC Sutton said: "We configured a way to imprint the dog with the scent of mobile compo-To Max. phone is just like another drug scent. Upon detectMax in action, with handler Gareth Kite. extremely grateful to the

ing any phone part, the dog will scratch at the area to alert the handler. We're very happy with how successful Max's training has proved to

Mike Thomas, head of security and opera-tions at Parc, said he was "delighted" to introduce Max to his new role at the prison.
"Mobile phones are a

growing problem and serious threat to security within UK prisons. I'm

dog trainers at South Wales Police for their co-operation and dedica-tion to the training of our mobile detection dog.

"G4S hopes to continue to work closely with the police. The success of Officer Kite and Max will hopefully see more dogs trained in this role for prisons across the

country.
"All I can say is that prisoners at Parc had better watch out!"

New plan for Seabank homes

near The Seabank Hotel in Porthcawl are being invited to attend a special consultation event on Monday.

Building McCarthy and Stone, which had planning conand Stone, sent to build retirement homes on land behind the hotel now intends to submit a fresh application to planners to place

RESIDENTS living an Extra Care retirement complex on the site.

This would offer residents a high degree of personal care. They say that the development will transform the site and create a pleasant new development.

The development team will be at The Seabank on Monday, and residents can register for an appointment by ringing 0800 298 7040.

Rotary's golf day for appeal



Dianne Hubbard, from the Rotary Club of Bridgend and Derek Morgan, vice-president of the Noah's Ark Appeal.

BRIDGEND Rotary Club helped the Noah's Ark Appeal recently with a charity golf day.

Held at Royal Porthcawl Golf Club, the day raised funds for the appeal and the Sandville Centre.

The golfers enjoyed sunny weather and a fantastic

£1,750 was raised towards the MRI scanner cam-

paign for The Noah's Ark Appeal.
This special 'open' MRI scanner allows parents to their first Eisteddfod, in deep gratitude, have the Rhymney Valley, and later that year success Another destination for another 30 years!

This special 'open' MRI scanner allows parents to during his 19 years as head to deal with problems as head to deal with problems. Another destination for another 30 years! MW in a European children's hospital.

BRIDGEND TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

POLICE are to be asked to monitor an area near Penybont Primary School where underage drinkers gather, creating a nuisance with broken glass from smashed bot-

THE backless benches at Bridgend bus station are causing problems for older people, especially those with back problems. A petition has been handed into the council calling for different benches (with backs) to be installed.

DR Chris Davies, retiring head of Brynteg Comprehensive School, has been presented with a plaque bearing the coat of arms of Bridgend

The presentation was made by Bridgend coun-cil leader David Unwin on behalf of the town council. Dr Davies said that

he had worked constructively with the council

He said that it was a privilege to work with the children and parents of Bridgend, and he was retiring with many BRIDGEND Town Council is to pay £220 towards the cost of painting additional warning signs on the bend at the junction of Minerva Street, High

View and Waunscil

Avenue. The work will be done by BCBC highways department.

THE cost of the paint. up to the value of £250, is to be covered by Bridgend Town Council for a scheme to paint the railings at Penyboni Primary School. The work will be carried out by the Youth Offending Team during the summer holidays.

A GRANT of £3,000 is to be made by Bridgend Town Council towards the creation of a butterfly garden at St Mary's RC Primary School in memory of a pupil who has passed away. The children have designed the garden, which will be a joint project between the school, the council and the family. BRIDGEND Town BRIDGEND Town Council has approved the following grants: Wildmill Family Fun day, £500; Youth Works Wildmill, £200; Nolton Church hall boiler, £1,000; Hope Baptist Church boiler, £1,000; Home Start Bridgend, £250; Howard Lewis for Marie Curie Cancer Fund, £100; Bridgend food bank, £250; Ogmore Valley Silver Band, £200.

Newbridge fields scheme BRIDGEND Town Council has received funding of £6,750 out of BCBC's Town and Community Council projects towards the provision of a picnic bench area, wayside seats and litter bins at Newbridge Fields.

The town council must fund the other half of the costs.

to move to larger practice premises at New Road School in Porthcawl. After performing in front of friends in the Jubilee Rooms, the choir's first public per-formance was at the Masonic Home lowed by their first annu-

grow steadily and in taining au 1982 had the ultimate Barcelona, honour bestowed on them – they were invited to sing for the Pope, at his arrival and departure

lowed when, in 1983, the memorial in the Dutch choir went to Stuttgart town of 'S-and Nevenstad, a very Hertogenbosch'. successful trip which produced many lasting orate the liberation of the friendships between town in the Second members of the German World War by the 53rd and Porthcawl choir, still friends to this day.
In 1984, the choir won

Male Choir was founded 30 years Shortly afterwards.

Shortly afterwards.

The mind count of Saint Scotstell will age to Sur- Loire, which is twinned with Porthcayl.

Shortly afterwards. ago in January 1980 Alan and Beryl Pillinger original left the choir and the choristers continued under had been completely the guidance of Ken rebuilt after being Gadd and Adrian Hall, to destroyed in the Second director Pillinger, together with his whom they owe undying wife Bervl, who was

gratitude.
Then Mair Jones, the their first accompacurrent musical director. The first practice was took over as accompanist held in St John's Church and Alec Brooks become concept of their annual Hall in Newton, the conductor. When celebrity concert was Hall in Newton, Porthcawl, with approxithe conductor. When Alec moved on, Norma mately 14 members. Ridout replaced him, Within six months, the until eventually Mair adopted the mantle of Boyce,

numbers had grown sig-nificantly, so much so, that the choir was forced musical director. Currently, Beryl
Cullen and Bethan
Thomas make up the
remainder of the musical team as joint accompanists, ably supporting Mair in the musical

Home in many of the original cho-closely fol- risters are still singing wed by their first annu- with the choir today, a concert at the Grand fact of which the choir is

Pavilion in November extremely proud of. 1980. The choir has travelled 780.

The choir continued to all over Europe, enter-row steadily and in taining audiences in France,

Holland and Spain.
One of the more moving moments was when the they were asked to sing at the Remembrance Day service at the war talented Welsh star, at Cardiff Airport. sing at the Remembrance
Overseas tours followed when, in 1983, the memorial in the Dutch

> awl choir, Welsh Division, which remaining lost a large number of men in action. A fact that the townspeople, in their

again in the was the northern French

still going strong! PORTHCAWL Tumble Eisteddfod in the town of Saint Sebastien

> The main concert was at a beautiful church in the city of Nantes, which destroyed in the Second World War.

> Always in search of improvement and to give the people of Porthcawl something different, the

hatched. Starting in 1999 with Welsh legend Max Boyce, this concert proved so popular that tickets sold out in a mat-

ter of days. As a result, a second performance had to be hurriedly staged, to satis-

fy the demand. Since then, many department. Welsh stars have joined
It is significant that the choir during their annual concert, including Peter Karrie, Beverly Humphreys, Iris Williams and Katherine

Jenkins On their 25th anniver sary, they were joined by the Regimental Band of the Royal Regiment and

Shan Cothi. This year is no excep-Rhydian, who first came to public attention via the 'X Factor' show.

Keeping with tradi tion, the concert will be held at the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl, on Saturday, September 4. As always, it is a sell-out and we look forward to seeing everyone there.

Thursday, August 12th, 2010 and then on the Race

THE PINK **FAIRIES** RUN FOR CANCER CHARITY!



STAFF from the day surgery unit at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, took part in the Cardiff Race for Life event to raise money for Cancer Research.

Over the last few months, with encouragement from their social events co-ordinator Jacqui O'Neil, staff have helped raise £2,500 selling books and home-made cakes. for Life.

To demonstrate their team spirit, they all dressed in pink fairy costumes for the event

A spokesperson said: "It was an emotional day for many. Some have lost loved ones or have loved ones currently fighting the battle with cancer, but all the staff felt a great sense of achievement and are already planning next year's event."

New footbridge at railway station

A NEW footbridge is to be built at Bridgend railway station which will be suitable for disabled people, Bridgend Town Council has been

Cornelly policing

AFTER a recent PACT meeting at Cornelly, it has been decided that a further NBM (Neighbourhood Beat Manager) will be appointed to the local team for a period of three months.

PC Suzette Williams has experience working on NPT (Neighbourhood Policing Team) both as an officer and PCSO.

The arrangement will ensure that a NBM

is on duty every day in Cornelly ward to deal with incidents and patrols. PCSO Rich Couch is also going to change shift pattern to support Suzette when she is working.

PC Williams and PCSO Couch were due to start work together last Sunday (August 8) on an opposite rota to the current Pyle team.

Arriva Trains Wales, which operates the station for Network Rail, stated that it has secured funding from Network Rail to provide the DDA compliant footbridge,

which should be in place by June 2012. It is unclear if this will replace the current footbridge which is accessed by steps or will be in addition to it.

The bridge links the two main platforms at the station. Bridgend Town Council had raised issues about disabled access to the station.

A letter stated that until the new bridge is available, passengers can either cross the lines using a barrow crossing, accompanied by staff, or use the side gate accessed from Ogmore Terrace which leads onto platform 2.

This is opened by staff if users call them through an intercom system or book in advance.

However, there is no need to book in advance, although disabled travellers should allow at least half an hour before their train is due.

Acoustic duo at Bryngarw



The New Druids.

THE New Druids will be performing outdoors from 2.30pm 4.30pm, as part of this year's summer Music in the Park programme at Bryngarw Country Park, Brynmenyn on Sunday (August 15).

Organised by Bridgend County Borough Council's arts and community development, admission to Music in the Park is free.

The day that the speaker burnt a million pounds!

COITY WI's schedule for July opened with a beautiful was well supported by sunny day at Coity members, friends and fete where the ladies families, the speciality inaughty but nice' table to the WI had their of the WI had their popular 'Bag a Bag' stall, a variation of tion tombola. everyone having a

the walking group.

The first walk of the month was along the cycle track from Cycle track from Brynmenyn to Blackmill, and the second walk, on a very hot day, took a route from Porthcawl lon prom to Newton.

The strawberry tea insight into the work of

NEWS FROM COITY WI

proving very popular once again, and a donaproving on of tion was made to tinue.
with ACWW.

visit to Great House, Prize.
Also taking advantage of the fine weather were the walking group.

Also taking advantage of the fine weather were the walking group. eniovable afternoon. thanks to hostess, Mrs

Battersea power station, during and just after the last war.
There will be no meet-

ing in August, but vari-ous group activities con-

CWW. The month closes with Some ladies made a the Glamorgan WI Show to be held at North Cornelly Community

The next meeting will be held in Coity Church Hall on September 29, at 7.30pm.

The speaker will be Mrs Lillian Bath, who will give a talk on Winchester House, California.

New members will be made very welcome.



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Local store joins forces with children's charity

WELSH children are leading a new campaign delivering a 'homegrown' message in the fruit and vegetable aisles of local supermar-kets, to highlight the needs of vulnerable children across Wales.

The 'We're Homegrown Too' campaign has been launched by Welsh children's charity, Tros Gynnal ,in partnership with Filco, the Welsh supermarket chain established in 1946, and today one of Wales' largest independent grocers.

Imogen and Laurie Morgan, aged eight and 10, will star on charity banners in eight supermarkets across south Wales, including Filco stores in Cowbridge, Llantwit Major and

Bridgend.
They will appear alongside three genera-tions of the Filco family, lead by Eleanor Jones who co-founded the supermarket, man-aging director Ian Hunt her son-in-law, and grandson Matt Hunt, director of Filco.

The target is to raise £65,000 over 18 months through a series of fund-raising activities in and around stores, using the symbolic Welsh national emblem of the leek.

Jackie Murphy, assistant director of Tros Gynnal, which provides support and advocacy services for children in Wales said: "It is easy for vulnerable children in Wales, whether in children's homes or divided families to become invisible. We want to highlight their needs, which are all about nurturing, protect

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ing and growing, by setting our campaign in an everyday shopping envi-ronment within a local community."

The campaign will kick off with an in-store leek-themed fancy dress competition. It will also include 100 leek-carrying runners in the Cardiff Half Marathon, and a sponsored climb of the highest mountain

in Spain.
Ian Hunt, managing director of Filco said: "We are looking forward to an exciting

fundraising campaign with Tros Gynnal. For our 60th anniversary in ly raised £40,000 for Tenovus, and now our ambitions for our 65th anniversary are even higher. We could not do it without the fantastic help of our staff, customers and suppliers; they are the key to raising funds for the hugely important work of Tros Gynnal in supporting vulnerable children in

CANNA'S Church, Llangan, held a eucharist to mark the bi-centenary of the Rev David Jones (1736-1810).

St Canna's was full to capacity, with worship-pers from Llangan, Treoes, St Mary Hill and further afield for this special service, in the presence of the Archbishop of Wales, Dr Barry Morgan.

It was a truly uplifting service, with special prayers for British forces in Afghanistan, and victims of the flood disaster in Pakistan, where thousands have already lost

their lives.
Also officiating in this special service was Rev Canon Val Hamer and also present was Rev Canon Peter Raikes. The organist was Mrs Mary Lloyd.

Following the service, refreshments were pro-



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NEWS
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continue on the follow-ing dates: Today, August 12, Dudley Griffiths, a Pentecostal peripatetic minister, will bring a group and a guitar at 12 noon to pray for 30 min-

utes.
This is the actual anniversary of the death of David Jones.

On Saturday, August 14 at 2.30pm, Rev Brian Higham will talk about the life of Rev David Jones. Poems by pupils of Llangan school will be an dien at which the life of the production of the language of the l on display in the church.

Unsightly area I REFER to the road to Llanhilid, between the Ruthin Common and St Mary's Golf Club Hotel

vided. Celebrations will the area this week and was disgusted by amount of rubbish I saw there.

At one point, there is a mass of building material, paving slabs and bricks. It must have been deposited there by a heavy vehicle.

Further along the road nearer the common, there is a huge mound of gar-den refuse, including branches of trees and

This is not including the paper clinging to the trees and bushes.

Should visitors to the St Mary Hill Golf Club travel via this road rather than through the main entrance, I am sure they ary's Golf Club Hotel. would have a very poor I had reason to visit perception of the area.

CELTIC CYCLE CHALLENGE

thank the wonderful days. They will be arrivgroup of Cowbridge ing back next Sunday at people who are on a Oscar's restaurant next sponsored cycle ride to the Bear Hotel in around Ireland and Wales to raise money for the two-week fundraising 'Stepping Stones adventure, to a warm Appeal' supporting Vale welcome and a lung cancer research at Velindre Hospital.

Geoff Graham, Julian Hitchcock, their families and some friends, after months of dedicated training, are cycling the 742 miles from John O'Groats to Cowbridge via the highlands and glens of Scotland, then across the sea to Ireland. and finally home again to Wales (north to

south).
It is a great personal challenge for each of

WE would like to them to do it in just 14 Scotland, Cowbridge at around 5pm, after their valiant Stones adventure, to a warm well-earned rest.

The group are hoping to raise at least £25,000 towards the appeal and their efforts, so far, have got them very close to their target - but, of course, any additional donations to Stepping Stones would be greatly appreciated.

Lorraine Wright and Michael Lewis. Cowbridge

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SINGING AND DANCING LIVE ON TV

Bridgend students hope they won't 'Stop Believing' on Sunday



TWO students from Britain's biggest and best their dancing. Bridgend will be new musical stars.
The college's dance singing and dancing live on TV this Sunday, in the latest 'Glee-inspired' talform 'TrueDynaMix'.

'Don't Stop Believing', which is hosted by former Spice Girl, Emma students will impress

tutor, Terry Michael, put

Terry told The GEM: Luke John Morrissey "The accent in the show and Rachel Thomas, who is on groups who can "The accent in the show are students at Bridgend sing and dance. So far, College, will be on the Several choirs who didn't Channel Five show, do any real dancing have

been voted off.

Bunton, and showcases with their singing and

Although there are live on TV." judges, Anastacia, Duncan James and Tamzin Outhwaite, it will be the viewers' phone-in vote that is decisive.

Not surprisingly, Luke and Rachel and their fel-

Terry explained that the group is not allowed to reveal in advance what routine they will per-

TrueDynaMix consists of 14 members: Shakara Greg Sage, Brown, Laura Billington, Callum Jones, Jalisa Andrews, Dale Evans. Adam low group members will Taylor, Kate Wyatt, Jodi be counting on votes Nicholson, Holly Bluett, from the Bridgend area. Yasmin Khalil, Luke Yasmin Khalil, Luke Morrissey, Gareth Jones and Rachel Thomas.

Each member brings a orm. different passion and He said: "It will be a style of dance to the 'mash-up' of two songs, and we have just 90 sec-ballet to musical theatre.

onds to make an impact -

Teenagers who took part in the project.

Public-spirited teenagers tidy Bridgend graveyard

GROUP **Bridgend teenagers** Bridgend training company ACT have been demonstrating how much their community means to them. by clearing up a local churchyard.

They spent three afternoons in the grounds of St Mary's Church, Nolton, picking up litter and removing weeds, monitored by ACT staff and a representative from Keep Wales Tidy.

The learners decided to help the church because they said they wanted to give something heal to their thing back to their com-munity.

Danielle Jones, aged 17, said: "This is a love-ly church so I really don't mind giving up my time to help tidy up the yard.

"It's nice to be able to help people and give

of something back to the community. It's been hard work, but the churchyard looks much better now - and we've had lots of exercise, too!"

Reverend Beverly of Coity, Nolton and Brackla Parish, said she was grateful to ACT for volunteering to clear up the churchyard.

"The graveyard is an important place as it is where people come to remember their loved

"Our churchvard was extremely overgrown, with heavy ivy covering many of the headstones.

"Now, thanks to ACT's hard work, the area looks much clearer and I am very grateful to them.

"They put in a lot of effort and were obvi-ously led effectively by their tutors and staff from Keep Wales Tidy," she added.

Patsy Dierden, centre co-ordinator at ACT in Bridgend, said:

"Our learners really enjoyed working in the churchvard and they did a great job, which gave them a sense achievement.

"It was the learners" decision to come and help out at the church, based on the fact they wanted to give something back to the comof munity they've grown

Very busy times for members of Porthcawl Lions!

MP remembers

Burma human

Lions Club again assisted at the Sea Festival; they stewarded the start of the sandcastle competition and were prominent in the Teddy Bears Picnic, plus running several games for the children.

During the festival they supplied and constructed several mar-

Coming up are plans for a coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer Care are welcome.

MOON MP joined

politicians from all

parties to call for

the release of all

political prisoners

She posed with the name of 'Mie Mie' writ-

PORTHCAWL plus an exciting morning in pink,.....of all Breast things... for Cancer Care Wales.

This month again involves a massive book sale at the Seabank Hotel over the Bank Holiday weekend and also a beach clean, plus leaflet drop for Glaze, the prostate cancer charity based at the Princess of Wales Hospital.

Anyone wishing to join the club should contact Don on 01656 788583 New members

'BLACK BAG CONFUSION STILL IN SARN

PROBLEMS are still being encoun- people are putting out tered by residents in with both refuse and recycling have seen bags out first collections.

said that people living in the flats in Jubilee Crescent had not been issued with their areas and that the problems would considerably reduce once the flats. issued with their recycling boxes and bags, while some of the householders in Queen's Avenue and Merfield Close were also affected.

She said that residents had been told to put their recycling in black bags for the time being, but bags are being left for these were being left days on end before they behind by the recycling are collected. I am being crews, who wrongly inundated with combelieve that they contain plaints from residents. rubbish for landfill.

"I have been on the now." phone constantly to con-tractors May Gurney and to the council about the bags not being picked up," she said. "The counup," she said. "The council is accusing residents of putting out normal black bags for the weekly collection, when they should be going every two weeks

Coun Penpraze said ers, or restricted access. she had been working The council is tailor closely with Jan Phillips chairman of PACT who block of flats' individual had walked the area.

"Council claims that their bags after the collectors have been are wrong," she said. "We thing in the morning.'

had their recycling con-

"There would be no mix-ups up then between what is recycling and what is rubbish," she added.

"At the moment, the We need this sorted out

A council spokesman said that the recycling items were due to be delivered to people living in flats from this week.

There have been delays because there are problems with some blocks that have no storage space for the contain-

ing its response to each

Town pub could become food store

A TOWN centre pub in Bridgend is set for a new lease of life as a food store.

The old Victoria Inn in Adare Street closed as a pub in 2005. It is a Grade 2 listed building. said to be late Georgian, and is located within the Bridgend Conservation

There are cottages attached to the rear of the building, alongside Elder Street, but these have been derelict for more than 20 years.

The building is now owned by HD Ltd, which is the Hegarty family firm. This compa ny has already carried out highly successful restoration schemes of Bridgend police station, Bridgend chest clinic and the old Co-op in Derwen Road.

The company also owns cottages in Elder Street and Elder Yard. and is currently developing plans for that area. The Victoria Inn is

adjacent to that development and the company, in a planning brief, state that they originally intended to upgrade and extend the inn for continued use as a restaurant before the development and public house, but

they state that current "socio economic" condi-tions mean that this would be commercially and financially unviable. A number of other public houses in the area are

closing at present.

However, they state that demand for retail space in Adare Street is high and Filco Foods has expressed an interest in using the ground floor as a convenience food store

The plan for the Victoria Inn now is to use the ground floor as a store with office accommodation on the first floor and in the adjoin-

ing cottages.

A new building will be created at the rear for deliveries. The existing entrance from Adare Street will be used for the shop. Offices would have a rear access.

The brief says that the scheme is part of the greater Elder Yard project and would create a safer route for pedestrians, reducing opportunistic crime.

Talks are under way with Bridgend planners about the application, control committee.

HIRING NURSES NO BAN has been tained

NO FREEZE ON

brought in on the use of agency nurses throughout the Abertawe Bro Morgannwg NHS Board – which runs hospitals throughout Bridgend. Neath Port Talbot and Swansea.

However, a spokesman said that they were developing policies to reduce the use of agency nurses, while ensuring safe

staffing levels are main-

A number of boards in Wales have brought in a ban on agency nurs es in a bid to reduce costs.

ABM has also stated that there is no freeze on filling nursing vacancies. At the moment, out of a nursing workforce of 8 000 there are the equivalent of 150 full time posts empty, which is below the all-Wales average turnover of nursing staff.

Brackla Street centre 'shabby'

town centre is looking shabby, according to members of Bridgend Town Council.

Members have suggested that planters and hanging baskets be placed alongside Cheapside and maintained throughout the year if possible. This will be investi-

gated. The owners of the Brackla Shopping Centre are also to be invited to hold a site

meeting with council-

THE walk from lors. Members felt that Asda into Bridgend the centre is falling into disrepair, is badly lit and needs urgent refurbish-

> The owners will be asked to carry out some interim improvements until the full scale refurbishment they are planning can be imple-

ten on her upturned palm to mark the 12th anniversary of the first major uprising in Burma, which began on August 8, 1988, and to show her support for the impris-oned former student

leader.

in Burma.

Mie Mie was one of thousands of students who took to the streets of Rangoon to call for democracy and human rights in 1988, and in August 2007 she led a women's movement march against the regime.

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THE CAPTAINS' CLIMB

BRIDGEND Male Choir is presenting a Captains Climb charity concert at St Crallo's Church, Coychurch, on Friday, August 13, at 7pm - tickets

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rights protestor MADELEINE mother of two is now one of 2,200 political prisoners being held in Burma.

action The Madeleine Moon MP came at the end of an Amnesty International and Parliamentary Human Rights Group's reception, where the Foreign and Commonwealth Minister, Jeremy Browne MP, outlined the coalition government's vision for promoting human rights in UK for-

eign policy.
Mrs Moon said: "In these turbulent times, we cannot forget about human rights; and it was refreshing to hear the Minister make such a firm pledge to tackle the abuses that are happening in Burma.

This is a country where torture, unfair trials and forced labour are all commonplace.

"Against that backdrop I can only applaud the bravery of Mie Mie – I call on the Burmese authorities to immediately release all their politi-

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Cruise and Diaz sparkle, but action comedy is not much to write home about

INCE his riproaring turn as Len Grossman in Tropic Thunder, Tom Ćruise appears to have discovered a far more prominent funny bone.

Discussions are still ongoing regarding him and Ben Stiller teaming up for a take on *The Hardy Boys*, but 'The Cruiser' seems to be feeling the attraction for

broad comedy. His latest film, Knight and Day, sees him team up again with Cameron Diaz, nine years after Vanilla Sky. Diaz plays June Havens, a woman who finds her life becoming tangled up with secret agent Roy Miller (Cruise), who has, according to one CIA bigwig, 'gone off the reservation', blowing up a laboratory and taking hostage an inventor (Paul Dano) and his everlasting battery invention.

The couple travel around the globe in order to stay one step ahead of the FBI, led by Agent Fitzgerald (Peter Saarsgaard) - but is Roy the innocent or guilty party in proceedings?

While some people are keen to pigeonhole Tom Cruise as a limited actor who coasts by on star wattage and charis-ma alone, he has done much to highlight he is

anything but.
Working with the likes of Kubrick,
Scorsese, Spielberg, Mann and Anderson, Cruise has a CV that puts even the most renowned actors to shame, and certainly knows how to raise his

However, the world of comedy is one that Cruise has rarely ventured into, but one that, as *Tropic Thunder* evidenced, he is quite adept

. Knight and Day is therefore a good plat-form for the actor to show off his comedic chops, given that it comes with the action been more keen to explore in the last decade or so. However, the end result is a film that, while entertaining, is far too slight, and 'cruises' (sorry for the pun) along on the charm

of the two leads.

Much of the blame for this can be apportioned to a script that could be the dictionary definition

SCREEN TALK



by GARETH **JAMIESON**

of the term 'develop-ment hell' – in brief, the script has been knocking around for more than a decade, has passed through a multitude of directors, been offered to a multitude of stars and has undergone numerous rewrites.
The upshot of this is

that the film you see on screen has all the thumb-marks of the various rewrites, feeling tonally awkward with a plot that tends to go round in circles before plopping a big reveal that goes nowhere. While it tries to cover its tracks a touch by zipping along at a fair old pace, in the cold light of day the lack of a coalescing tone

means that its down to the leads to save the day.

It's something that both Tom Cruise and Cameron Diaz are more than up to the task of doing, and while the pair offer nothing approaching their finest turns. they offer up performances that are entertaining and likeable and help to propel the film

along.
Cruise, in particular, seems to be having great fun here, skewering the Ethan Hunt character from the Mission: Impossible franchise to wonderful effect, playing the role completely straight but with a glint in the eye.

There's plenty of

Cruise's usual acting tics, but he parlays this into a decent perform-ance that, following Len Grossman, shows that he is more than willing to take the brunt of the ioke

Alongside him, Diaz offers another variation on her likeable every-woman, acting as the audience's eyes as we find ourselves dragged into this world of espionage, much like her character.

Diaz is a sparkling comedic actress when on form, and while not bringing her best here, still provides a turn that is humorous and pleasing; she shares a chemistry with Cruise that lights up the screen, the pair taking great delight in playing off each other Given how much

weight is given to the leads, the rest of the cast are given short shrift. both in terms of performance time and character depth.

While Peter Saarsgaard does shadowy wonderfully well. his character is given very little in the way of depth, while Paul Dano is wasted in an inconsequential turn that could have gone to any two-bit actor, as opposed to a BAFTA award-winning

It's Marc Blucas who hits home the most, despite the short screentime, bringing a humor-ous buffoonery to the character of June's exboyfriend.

In the director's chair James Mangold has shown he is more than capable of handling weighty fare, such as Cop Land and Walk The Line, and here shows he isn't too bad at the froth ier stuff, either.

Bringing an OTT relish to the action sequences, that straddles the line between being funny but with a serious amount of carnage, Mangold gives the film the look and feel of a blockbuster movie

The camera relishes the locales that make up the characters' adventures (even if some of the greenscreen is amazingly shoddy for a film of this size).

The homage to the likes of North by Northwest is played with zeal, though coming nowhere near that quality, and Mangold shows pleasing lightness of

Ultimately, Knight and Day almost survives in spite of itself, the screenplay doing the film no favours but the performances of Cruise and Diaz, and the direction, makes it more watchable than it should have been.

It isn't a jaw dropping piece of work by any means, but as a slice of popcorn entertainment it does the job – but only

VERDICT: Slightly disappointing given the talent involved, Knight and Day manages to stay the right side of fun – despite a script that isn't 100 per cent sure what it actually is.

With performances from Tom Cruise and Cameron Diaz that elevate the material, and James Mangold's light direction, Knight and Day is a passable blockbuster, but nothing more. Enjoyable.

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August 26.

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PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS WALK

'Big Dipper' is Europe's highest sand dune

walkers plus canine dle of the 6th century. friends Jodie, Muttley, Bronte and Bracken and leader Val Williams travelled down to Newton, passing the lovely old village church dedicated to St John to park near

the beach. Newton dates back to the 12th century and was founded as the 'New Town' being close to the Saxon settlement of Nottage.

By the 17th century it was a thriving port exporting wheat and oats and importing fruit and salt. It now caters for hol-iday makers at nearby Trecco Bay, sun worship-pers, walkers, horse riders, surfers and water sport enthusiasts.

As the tide was in, the leader had decided to do her walk the opposite way around and a well-used path between houses led them through Newton Burrows, where the dogs enjoyed their freedom, to the lovely narrow tracks through the woods at Merthyr Mawr Warren.

There, they collected another group member who had mistakenly parked at Merthyr Mawr, thinking that was the start point and by sheer luck had managed to bump into them.

Because they had four dogs, the group by-passed Cwm y Befos, which is usually full of sheep and a short while later stopped on the grass verge on the Candleston lane to enjoy morning coffee before trekking down the quiet lane to the small village of Tythegston where all the properties sport very smart metal plates outside with the name of the property and the estate

From the Welsh Llan Dudwg, this village name is derived from the now disused church that is

RECENTLY, on a dedicated to St Tydwg continuing on to emerge beautiful summer who was one of the discibes determined best of Cenydd, who as it made its way to the flourished during the midsea.

Back in the 1800s the village that was described as containing arable and pasture land was split into two hamlets - upper and

The upper hamlet con-

established to educate the poor children and sup-ported by subscription from well to do local residents.

A stone stile led them A stole stile ted them into a huge field of long damp grass and, crossing two stiles they walked along a pathway through at all maize crop into an open field that was plings and down a steep path through a small wes down a steep path through a small wood to meadows that overlooked Laleston.

Re-entering empty fields they walked beside Coed Cwintin, through Candleston Farm and Candiageston Farm and along a sandy path that is required and if you are led them past the 'Big- in any doubt, then please Dipper' – the highest single sand dune in Europe, for advice, to the ruined 12th century Candleston Castle, a fortified manor house owned by the Cantaloupe family and now only occupied by bats and the odd ghost!

the largest sand dune

At the estuary they turned westwards and tramped along the lovely sandy beach at Traeth yr Afon, passing the Black Rocks before returning to Newton, with four very happy dogs after a bril-

The upper hamlet contained iron ore, coal and liant day.

clay that was utilised for brick making and items were carried by rail to the small harbour at Porthcawl and shipped out.

The lower hamlet contained a school that was established to educate the care and the moderate walk in the castallished to educate the care and the ca

On August 14, meet at 9.30am at the Barry Waterfront for an eightmile moderate walk (with some rough walking) in the Craig y Nos area; contact Barbara on 01446

Monmouth; contact Nick on 01446 420540.

On walks, wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry water-proofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness

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b a n d launch their first-ever whose live album Live at the come Grand Pavilion at Fairport's famous The Welsh festival UK tour last autumn at favourites will also Porthcawl.

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Jane Hutt spent a bleasant afternoon chatting to the group, which meets once a month at the shop and enjoys a wide range of activities and talks.

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August 20. Normal competition rules apply and judge's decision is final - good luck!

LEGION REMEMBERS

THE Barry branch of the to remember the fallen (British and holding a service on Saturday, them. August 14 at 10.30am for 11am Cenotaph, Barry the Memorial Hall, to commemorate VJ 1945 and the Battle of Kohima.

Wreaths will be laid at this service

Royal British Legion will be Allied Forces), and to pay tribute to

All are welcome to attend and if any wreaths or crosses are required, contact the Poppy Appeal organisers on 01446 710901.

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Inspirational Homes

Increase in Welsh house sales shows that the market is moving SAYS CHARTERED SURVEYORS' SPOKESMAN

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The housing market ors experienced an in Wales has seen strong increase rather than a figures for the number of new buyer enquires and newly agreed sales. Both figures are the secand highest in the UK. and significantly outperform the national average. Moreover, char-tered surveyors in Wales are increasingly expect-ing an increase in sales looking forward across

the next quarter.

In total, 32 per cent
more Welsh chartered survevors saw a rise rather than a fall in newly agreed sales. The figure has soared compared to last month, which was only nine per

Wales is the second best performing in this sector to the west midlands, with the national average of just two per

Looking forward over the next three months. 28 per cent more chartered surveyors are expecting a rise in new sales compared to a fall, compared to the national

average of 19 per cent.

In Wales, 19 per cent
more chartered survey-

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decrease in the last month in new buyer enquiries. This compares to a negative national average of five per cent more surveyors who saw a decrease rather than a rise, with the only region higher than Wales being the North of England.

However, Wales is underperforming on price as supply contin-ues to increase in the

market with 35 per cent more Welsh chartered surveyors experiencing a rise rather than a decline in new instructions. This is up on the previous month from 14 per cent.

On price, 10 per cent more chartered surveyors in Wales have seen a decline rather than a rise. This is likely to be the case going forward with 30 per cent more chartered surveyors anticipating a decline in price rather than a fall.

The increase in sup-ply has seen the average stock of property on a surveyors' books rise to 138 from 109. The average number of sales per surveyor in Wales has risen from 14 to 15, while the sales to stock ratio - a key indicator of market slack – has dropped from 12 to 11 and is the lowest of all

UK regions.
Tony Filice, residential spokesperson for the RICS Wales and director

Chartered Surveyors. said: "A shortage of stock has been one factor holding back transac-tion activity in the hous-ing market, but the suspension of HIPs is helping to belatedly address this issue. This is likely to be reflected in higher sales numbers over the

coming months.
"Wales has seen supply increase in the hous-ing market which is cur-rently exceeding the

amount of sales we are experiencing. There is a risk that there may be some modest slippage in prices during the second half of the year, which can be seen in the drop of confidence within surveyors' expectations but this month's housing market survey is not a negative picture for

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Inspirational Homes

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"It is key that Wales continues to report strong and maintained sales figures, as well as new buyer enquiries, as this shows that the market is moving and interest is continuing to grow. Buyers and vendors have been affected

by the national turmoil of the last few months which has included an election, change of gov ernment, suspension of HIPs and a budget which have all had a part to play in a level of uncertainty in the mar-

ket.
"Vendors are noticeably not keen to accept lower prices. They have already seen severe declines in property prices throughout the recession and can see evidence of the market recovering. While there continues to be a positive buyer interest, vendors can bide their time and ride out the short term drop in price confi-dence until the market once again stabilises.
"The larger number of

properties coming on to the market should help to bolster activity, which has been depressed partly because of a lack of choice for home buyers. Sales are expected to rise over the coming months.

"However, there are still difficulties obtain-ing mortgages. Whereas 12 months ago, banks and building societies were happy to offer favourable rates to those with a 10 per cent deposit, now they are seeking larger deposits of up to 20 per cent for these rates.

"This is disappoint-ing, as it will slow down the market; first time buyers will have to wait longer before stepping on to the housing ladder and this sector is key to a strong housing mar-

of slugs heading for YOUR garden! THE Royal number of ways to pro-Horticultural tect plants.

Society (RHS) is For those who prefer Barriers, such as cop-sending out a slug more natural ways of per tapes round pots or

will have been dormant.

However, with the forecast of continuing heavy rain, the charity to be quite hungry... The RHS suggests a

sending out a slug control, the charity sug-mineral granules and and snail alert.

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have died in the dry soil. Alternatively, propriThe nematodes used etary slug pellets con-

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heavy rain, the charity against slugs are micro-taining ferric phosphate expects them to start scopic worm-like crea- or metaldehyde can be moving about again and tures that enter the bod-used if the infestation is ies of slugs and infect particularly bad.

For further informa- searching for 'Slugs' on tion, the RHS has a web the RHS site page with more handy www.rhs.org.uk. tips.

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Warmth scheme award

NPOWER'S Health Through Warmth scheme, which operates in the Vale and 14 other areas of Wales and England, has been highly commended at a national awards ceremony for its work helping vulnerable residents.

The scheme, managed locally by the Vale Council, received a highly commended certificate at the Business in the Community (BitC)
Awards for Excellence event.

This recognises assistance given to esidents who have cold and damprelated illnesses, but who don't have adequate heating and insulation in their homes and are unable to fund the work themselves. The scheme had

been shortlisted as a 'National Example of Excellence' in the award

Example of Executation in the award category, 'Building Stronger Communities'.

Approximately 100 leading companies enter the BitC Awards for Examples of the Executation of the Examples of the Executation of the Executatio

Excellence every year.

Health Through Warmth relies on community workers referring people to the scheme and funding is accessed from a variety of sources, including the npower Health Through Warmth Crisis Fund, government grants and charitable funds to help pay for appropriate heating and insulation measures.

It was launched in the Vale in 2003 and has received more than 2,400 referrals

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Inspirational Homes Gardens fenced in to

keep out troublemakers

stage of environmental improvements to people's homes in areas of Brackla. Bridgend, has been completed.

The project involved adding boundaries and fencing to the estate and individual properties, within the WWHA residential area, as part of the £113,000 boundary wall scheme.

A spokeswoman explained that Wales and West residents had expressed concerns that

pours and cooler tem-

peratures of recent

days seem to be herald-

ing the approach of

autumn - so now is the

time to make sure those

essential garden chores are done before any bad weather sets in

for good.

open-plan gardens can contribute to problems of anti-social behaviour.

As part of a contin-ued policy to improve the environment and in consultation with residents, the decision was taken to provide them with clearly defined garden areas.

"This has the benefit of clearly defining which areas are not communal and that are private to residents."

GKR Building Maintenance Co Ltd has a partnering agreement with WWHA which entails completing 500 kitchen renewals across

garden is prepared for the months ahead.

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for the winter months, and drains and gutters

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Of course, we all hope cleaned, too, ensuring

for an Indian summer, that blockages don'

but if September fails to cause overflows in the deliver that blessing, it is winter.

south Wales. As a result said. Residents at The of this programme, the Meadows would Caerphilly-based Maintenance Company

has also finished further work at The Meadows, including improving the kitchen facilities of 135 properties.
"The improvements

ensure that kitchens are up-to-date and, most

importantly, environ-mentally friendly. "The planned kitchen upgrade programme has been running over the past 12 months, for properties in Heol Y Rhos, Heol Bryn Glas, Cloy Y Waun, Clos Y Wern and Dan Y Coed Rise," the spokeswoman

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Gordon Taylor, resident of The Meadows Brackla and former WWHA board member, stated:

"GKR has done a great job in improving

the residential area.
"We can enjoy peace and quiet in our gardens and not have to worry about unwelcome invasion and noise.

Ladies looking forward to cruise

RHOOSE WI held its monthly meeting at the Community Hall on July 1.

After receiving welfare reports and concluding other business. members spent the evening making arrangements for future vents.

Names were submitted for the annual WI bursary; the winner will be able to study a subiect of their choice and will receive help with funding from the Institute

On July10, there was to be a coffee morning at the home of Avril Phillips at Wesley Road Money raised will be shared between the WI and Ty Hafan children's hospice.

On July 16, members combined a pleasant walk with lunch at the 'Blue Anchor' - walkers were to meet at the village pump.

Arrangements were also made for the annu al educational trip and members are very much looking forward to a cruise on the Gloucester canals on September 23

Since there was no speaker, the evening ended with a very enjoy able quiz provided by Brenda Rowe.

The last item on the agenda was the summer social evening due to be held at the Community Hall, in Stewart Road.

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Colcot surgery

PCSO Mandy Michael and members of the Dyfan Neighbourhood Policing Team will be holding a PACT surgery at the Colcot Arms, Colcot Road, Barry on Thursday, August, 19 between 3pm and 5pm.

PCSO Michael said: "Local surgeries are an important part of the regular PACT initiative.

'We look forward to meeting local residents who can come along for a chat about any issues in the area which may be

worrying them. "Why not ask us if we can carry out a crime prevention survey in vour home?

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"If you are interested, we can arrange a convenient time to come and offer some security tips and advice on property marking.

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Angela Jones-Evans.

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the fight for the Vale Labour's Kevin Brennan in Cardiff West in this year's general election.

challenger for Jane Hutt AM seat. Mrs Jones-Evans was born and brought up in south Wales and is mar-Vale AM. Jane Hutt, will this ried with two sons. She owns her own research time face a female and training business. She told the GEM: "I Conservative chalat next

am delighted to have been selected as the National Assembly elections. Conservative candidate for the Vale of Vale Glamorgan seat is bound to be closely watched, because Labour are defending a majority of

for the Vale of Glamorgan.
"For too long, the constituency has been ignored by the Welsh Assembly Government and I will strive to make sure that the voice of local people from all parts of the Vale is heard throughout the corridors In 2007, she polled 11,515 votes, with Coun Gordon Kemp, now the Vale Council Leader, polling 11,432. throughout the corridors This time around, the Conservatives have cho-

of power in Cardiff Bay.
"There are many opportunities for a

work with colleagues in the council and with our newly-elected MP at Westminster, to attract new business into the area and to support the growth and development of the excellent businesses we have here

already." She said that making sure the Vale received its fair share of funding the Assembly would be a priority.

She added: "I will also be an advocate to maintain vital services, such as the Barry Magistrates Court, and will be a strong voice for improved school and healthcare resources in the constituency."

Plaid Cymru names Assembly candidate

PLAID CVMRII has selected Dr Ian Johnson to be the party's candidate for the Vale of Glamorgan in next vear's Welsh Assembly elections.

sen Angela Jones-Evans,

The selection meeting, held in the Lee Hall, Dinas Powys, was unani-mous in backing Dr Johnson, who was Plaid's candidate in the recent UK general election.

South Wales Central Assembly election and ssembly Member, Assembly Chris Franks, said: "Dr Ian Johnson was an excellent candidate for Plaid Cymru during the general election and it will be a pleasure to have him standing for the party once again in the Welsh Assembly election next year.

"There are very few candidates who have such a detailed local knowledge as Ian, being born and raised in Barry and the Vale, as well as a wider knowledge and August.



Dr Ian Johnson.

experience of politics and life in general. "Plaid Cymru finished a strong third in the last

Ian would make an exceptional and highly effective Assembly Member, if elected next

Plaid Cymru's council group leader, Coun Margaret Randall, agreed:

"He works very hard, understands the area well and is always friendly and polite, even with his opponents, working with everyone across parties and the community to get the right result.'

PACT meetings

COURT PACT SURGERY, the HUB, YMCA, Gladstone Road, Barry between 3pm-5pm on August 19.

DYFAN PACT SURGERY, Colcot Arms public

house between 3pm-5pm on August 19.

BUTTRILLS PACT, Philip John Community
Room, Barry Library, August 26, at 6.30pm.
PENDOYLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL,
Pendoylan School, August 12, at 7.45pm.
LLANDOW PACT, Ewenny Village Hall, August

18, at 7pm.

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August 24, at 7pm.

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ABOVE: The dancing

PHOTOS by GLYN **EVANS**





Clean rounds are just the ticket for pony club aces



riders off to the novice team show two rounds, with There were 20 other winning individual rider. The team also finished

novice team show two rounds, with jumping qualifiers Glamorgan the only team

GLAMORGAN Little Smartie and Alice Cheshire on August 28. Pony Club sent four Pembridge on Mattie. Local rider Joanne and wriders off to the There were 20 other Wilkins also qualified as them.

achievement for the girls Local rider Joanne and we are very proud of

"We look forward to The team also finished the challenge of the second in the 'tack and championships, and with

Cowbridge businessman welcomes WAG's new rural planning ideas

CLA Wales is calling on speed with developments. the Vale of Glamorgan Council to embrace the new planning guidance announced by the Welsh Assembly Government (WAG).

Wales The chairman, Cowbridge-based John Homfray, spoke at the Vale of Glamorgan Show and welcomed the move, which is designed to boost the at Monmouth Pory to end the two rounds on term out; so not only did not perform well, they also looked good.

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speed with developments.

Mr Homfray continued: "This new planning guidance is really very exciting. What is really good is that with rural issues, Wales is so often in advance of England.

"The CLA looks after both Wales and England and I very much hope we can work with the Welsh local authorities to set examples of good practice that England will want to emulate. "This Technical Advice Note 6

is a real example of grasping the issue of affordable housing, particularly blockage on farms. The WAG guidance is incredibly help-ful and we're absolutely 100 per

exchange for these relaxations, the industry has to accept that the conditions will be strictly pro-scribed so that there is absolutely no opportunity or question of it being abused.

A benefit is that it will make it easier for farmers to build a new home on their land, so that they can pass their business on to a younger person, while continuing

to live on the farm.

The TAN also supports the Assembly Government's sustainable development scheme, by encouraging One Planet Developments that have a low environmental impact.

LONGER SHIFTS, BUT MORE FLEXIBILITY PROMISED

CUTS FORCING FIRE STATION TO MAKE MAESTEG CHANGES

THE South Wales biggest corporate risk Fire Authority is having to make a lack of funding over then ext seven years. changes which it would not wish to cuts in Welsh Assembly make because of the Government situation.
That was the message

from deputy chief fire officer Kevin Barry when he visited Maesteg
Town Council to explain the 10 whose at proposed changes to staffing structures at the town's fire station.

Maesteg and two other stations was just one the service is having to re-design how it delivers and runs its administration.

He stated that they were working to a threeyear cost reduction plan, although that time scale could increase.

The changes were included in a risk reduction plan which was being consulted on at the moment. The authority will meet in September to make a decision about whether or not to accept the proposals in the plan.

Sally Murton gave Day some financial back-ground. She said that the

thanks to the efforts

coach development

'IRB Rugby Ready workshop' and 'UKCC Level One Coaching Award', which all candi-

dates successfully com-

coaches will be joining the mini and junior

coaching team for age

groups under-8 to under-16.

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Ospreys put

coaches through

their paces!

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officer Dan Owens, the under-12 player develop-

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An Ospreys coaches we can to assist clubs in

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ment of the young play- coming season.

make because of the Government funding worsening financial from Whitehall this year, plus the on-going comprehensive spending

She said that the authority is funded by the 10 local authorities

whose areas it serves.

The service operates
at 52 different sites He said that the self-across the area and has a rostering planned for Maester and the self-across the area and has a rostering planned for revenue budget of £72m. 81 per cent of its costs are staff and almost all of project to save money that goes on operational it will save £1.5m – but staff, with 15 per cent of staffing costs going for

Starting costs going for support workers.

Over the next three years, the authority's same amount of time and budget will be reduced by £11.2m – a cut of "It also gives staff a control of the same and the start of more than 15 per cent.
Unless things change,

tional shift pattern of two days on, two nights on and then four days off. Day shift is 9am to 6pm and night shift is 6pm to

Mr Barry said that the

"În addition to that, we

"One in particular, Julian Waters, is current-

ly involved in taking the

with the county district

ID procedures in the

Andrew Hore, added: "Our underlying philoso-

players. I think that cases like this one are a perfect

example of how we are

determined to do what

officer the region wherever pos-

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Performance

summer training sessions

Report by JÁYNĔ **ISAAC**

self-rostering being pro-posed for Maesteg and -Penarth and New Inn at Pontypool - would give

He said he did not disa bad news day for the a bad news day for the fire service and for the fer to do their shifts in a communities.

"I am not here to spin anything or sugar coat it," he said. "Self rostering is an answer to the 2-2-4 system we now use.

the authority would find the opportunity of over-itself with a funding gap of up to £10.2m able for our quietest

year. There was concern among fire fighters that it was the authority's inten-tion to roll out this system to other stations but he said that the three quietest stations had been selected and there was only scope for perhaps one or two more stations to adopt the system.

The remainder would have to stay with the old system. Many stations deal with up to 800 calls and some were on 1,000. He said that introduc-

ing this system to more than a few stations would also reduce the number of firefighters within the brigade, which would affect their ability to bring in more staff to deal with major fires. It would limit the resilience of the service.

"People also expect us to be available in times of flooding and in cold weather – to keep our crews on the road."

Maesteg station had a full time crew of 28 firefighters plus a man-ager; there is also a retained crew in

Maesteg.
Mr Barry reported that instead of the present four watch of seven people system which makes sure that there are a minimum of five people on station, they were pro-posing a single watch system of between 12 and 13 firefighters. This was either 15 or 16 fewer than were needed at the ities moment.

Of these, five would be available on a rostering arrangement they would do themselves in a flexible way.

Each firefighter would work 152 days a year and would do 24- hour shifts. working coaches have now taken They would do a 12 hour active shift followed by a

'This is a shift pattern

that works across the world," he said. "They would do 152 24-hour future shifts and would have other stations 213 days free. It is pro-rth and New Inn at posed that staff would pool – would give work a maximum of four their communities cover shifts in a row but that for 24/7.

"It works out at three guise the fact that it was and a half days work a week on average.

> block. while others would want to spread them out. Maesteg station has already been upgraded to provide bedrooms and rooms would have the internet and a

if genthrough the same amount of time service is maintained.

"It also gives staff a more flexible way of working and comes with the opportunity of overtime, but it is only suifor our quietest for our quietest staff would be voluntary. Those staff who did not wish to do it, would be carried to other staff. Mr Barry explained that Maesteg and the other stations at the moment work a traditional shift netwers of the moment work a traditional shift netwers of the moment work a traditional shift netwers of the moment with a war age of 533 call outs a
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People would not be forced to adopt the new pattern and there would be some for whom it was not suitable because of family commitments. However, others may welcome the flexibility that it gave them.

It would start from next April if approved, and he explained that there would be no redundancies among firefighters and people would be

redeployed.
Coun Phil Jenkins
observed that staff would be living at the station for days on end: "The service has always been family-friendly but I do not believe enough studies have been done about the effects of this new system?

He said that unles enough Maesteg staff volunteered, the scheme would fall flat on its face.

"You do not have a single volunteer at the moment. Everybody is saying that they don't wish to work this. You should go away and find an alternative," he insist-

However, Mr Barry said there had been expressions of interest from some fire fighters People would have 213 days a year free from operational duties in which they could be involved in family activ-

Mr Barry pointed out that Maesteg only had 70 calls between midnight and 6am in a year and had a low-call profile at night.

All the area's retained firefighters are called out at night after working in

sleeping in en-suite bedrooms on the station . budget and the cuts would not go away. A way forward must be When asked about the

future of the Maesteg retained crew, Mr Barry replied that there were no

plans to change that.

They were committed to sending two pumps to property fires. Maesteg is out on a limb up against the authority's western boundary with mid and west Wales.

He said that although they were reviewing the need for second appli-ances, the Maesteg one would appear to be very secure because of that. Mr Barry pointed out

that they could not rely on the Cymer station being on-line and it being on-line and it would take about 11 minutes to get a second pump from another sta-tion to a house fire in Maesteg, which was too

Pavement cafés: rules for traders are revealed

RULES and regulations governing pavement cafes and displays of goods have been revealed bv Bridgend Borogh County Council (BCBC).

Traders in Bridgend are taking part in a pilot project to license cafes which put out tables and chairs, greengrocers and others which display goods, and businesses which put out A-frame boards In a letter sent to

traders in the town centre, R.G. Jenkins, on behalf of the group manager for highways, said that the new rules will apply to Adare Street, Caroline Street, Road, Derwen Dunraven Place, Queen Street, York Place, Market Street, Nolton Street, The Rhiw,

Quarella Road. council has The waived the fees for 12 months, but normally

Wyndham Street and

pay an application fee of £205 for tables and chairs or goods display and £145 for A-frames. There would be a further £75 fee for the licence itself. Annual renewal of the licence will cost £75.

In the letter, Mr Jenkins claims that over the past five years, the council has "invested significantly" in providing a "quality" environment and is committed to maintaining this.

The new system will "de-clutter" the highway and help protect businesses and the council against claims. The new system

comes into effect from September 1. All items placed outside shops will have to approved by the council to ensure that they meet minimum standards.

Each pavement café area has to be segregated from the pavement by a barrier with a minimum height of two feet eight inches including a tapping rail for blind and visually impaired people.

No street café can be set up before 10am and must be removed at 6pm, which the council asserts is the "end of the pedestrianised period" although restaurauteurs and others who have been arguing without success that traffic should be allowed into town after 6pm so that people can patronise their businesses may

The GEM has asked the council to clarify what they mean by this.

The premises which put out A-frames are warned that in its effort to remove clutter, the council will grant permission for A-signs in "exceptional" cases only – such as when the location of premises is not obvious to shoppers. Signs that advertise a business will not be approved.

It is likely that the scheme will be rolled out to Porthcawl and Maesteg town centres in

the future.
The GEM asked the council if any extra staff have had to be taken on to carry out the inspections, process applica-tions and issue licences, and whether this would incur any extra costs.

In response, a BCBC spokesman said that the scheme would be contained within existing resources at no extra cost to council taxpay-

The time restrictions being imposed on pavement cafes are being "reconsidered following representations from traders".

spokesman The added that access to the pedestrianised area of the town centre is available for delivery vehicles from 6pm to 10am. Only police can permit other vehicles.

JAYNE ISAAC

Interference the reason for stepping down'

- says chairman

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Mr Deere said: "I tried to persuade him to

change his mind."
"We offered to allow the working party to be a stand alone organisation without any council involvement but he felt that the die was cast and he did not want to go back on his decision

Coun Deere said he was very disappointed as Mr Richards was an extremely able and hard-working chairman.

"He has a brilliant track record of organising events, and in his capacity as a senior police officer in London, was involved in running things like the Trooping of the Colour and other royal events

"But there is no ill feeling and Mr Richards has promised to give his support to what we do, although he will not be directly involved."

Coun Deere said that he was determined that Porthcawl would celebrate the diamond jubilee in style.

"It was my sugges-tion that the town council stage celebrations and I want to reassure people that we will have the street teas and special events that they expect.

We will reform the working party and get a new chairman. Mr Richards will be a hard act to follow, but we will be looking for another dynamic person willing to pick up the baton.

The town council has promised a sum of up to £10,000 to pay for the celebrations, although Coun Deere is hoping that fund raising will be carried out to offset some of that.

Porthcawl Chamber

of Trade has already expressed an interest in organising some events and Keith Morgan has proposed publishing a commemorative brochure and making a DVD showing how the town has changed.

ABOVE: Can you help to find lovely Samantha a home?

CRISIS TIME

AT BRIDGEND

CAT CENTRE

CATS Protection's the centre. Bridgend adoption centre is desperately appealing for ownthe many cats this since April. summer.

at the seams with loving cats and kittens who need a home, but is having great difficulty homing them, as many prospective cat owners are away on summer holiday.

Manager Sue Dobbs said: "The centre faces a difficult time each summer but this year is worse than normal.

"As well as looking

after 214 cats already in our care, we also have waiting to be brought in.

"To make matters worse, as the centre currently has 50 per cent black and black and the least popular colour, they are often over-

One of the cats requiring a home is Samantha, a lovely black female one-year-old. Samantha ers to adopt one of has been at the centre

"She came from a The centre is bursting home where there were the seams with loving too many cats, and has been neutered, vaccinated and microchipped, so is just waiting for that special home.

Cat owners can assist the centre, both now and in the future, by getting their cat neutered.

Sue Dobbs explained: "One unneutered female cat can produce up to 18 kittens a year, so neutering really will help.

'Neutering also makes 416 unwanted and abancats less likely to fight doned cats and kittens and pass on diseases transmitted through biting and saliva, so it is beneficial to your cat's health.

The centre offers part white cats and kittens, cost neutering vouchers.

For more information on adopting a cat, or gettheir normal day jobs.

Coun Keith Edwards anyone wanting to adopt please contact the centre said that the authority a cat or kitten to contact on 01656 724396

Hot stuff for the **2117** (Kenfig Hill) **Squadron**



ABOVE: Cadets in front of the fire and rescue vehicle.

ATC were invited to visit the fire and rescue section at MoD St Athan on Monday, August 9 when staff and ten cadets enjoyed being shown the fire appliances along with an opportunity to fight a staged fire under the supervision of qualified staff.

The visit was arranged by Sergeant Kevin Gould ATC, as part of the squadron's training syllabus.

Cadets who attended were: Cdt Flt

Sgt Williams, Cdt Cpl Fitzgibbon, Cdt

CADETS from 2117 Squadron Cpl Humphrey, Cdt Clarke, Cdt Cornwall, Cdt Young, Cdt Tapner, Cdt Aston, Cdt Peckham, Cdt Smith. Adult staff were Sgt Gould ATC, Sgt Lloyd ATC, CI Mr Peckham and CI Mr

Flt Lt B C Thomas, the officer commanding 2117 Squadron thanked the Fire and Rescue Section for supporting the visit.

Anyone aged 13 and upwards car join 2117 (Kenfig Hill) Squadron ATC For more information please contact the squadron on parade nights, Tel No 01656 670125. LINDSAY THOMAS,



The squadron visits Farnborough airshow



Cdt Young, Cdt Tapner, Cdt Edwards, Cdt Cpl Humphrey and Cdt Cornwall took the a tour of the flying exhibits at Farnborough.

2117 (Kenfig Hill) fare. Squadron ATC and a They met crews play and as an added party of other cadets from several different bonus the cadets met Farnborough Air Show.

The overall visit was (Bridgend) Squadron

During the day, the cadets saw the up and them the experience of attend. coming advancements flying an A380. in technology in both

STAFF and cadets from air and ground war- highlights of the day

from No.3 Welsh Wing countries and were the Red Arrow team in ATC made a visit to the allowed inside the aircrafts.

Air displays includorganised by Flt Lt D ed the new Airbus making the arrange-Biddles from 1092 A380, and the cadets were given the opportunity to try out a of staff and cadets flight simulator giving from Kenfig Hill to

One of the further

person. Thanks

Kevin Gould ATC for Biddles for the party

LINDSAY THOMAS

Police hunt for copper wire thieves

soared during July just left broken. thanks to the

activities of a gang that attacked copper earth wires belonging to 100 homes.

The number of thefts recorded in the Caerau-Nantyffyllon ward was 116 during the month compared to two in the East Ward, five in the West Ward and none in Llangynwyd. month, there was 21 thefts in the whole valley.

Police told Maesteg

Town Council that the increase was entirely down to copper thefts and there were 30 incidents alone in one single street overnight. Residents are unaware

of the attack, which see the copper earth wires outside their homes cut, until the following day.

Police have mounted ktra patrols in Caerau, and Insp Steve Evans has put a lot of resources into the investigation. Many scale of the thefts.

Coun Phil White said that earth wires were a safety device. He asked who the copper wire was being sold to.

Police said that they have done a lot of work to try and find out where the wire was going. Every scrap dealer in the area has been visited by officers and will contact police immediately if they are offered this. Other police divisions in South Wales have also been alerted as well as the Environment Agency because the plastic covering over the copper has to be burnt off somewhere, creating an environmental hazard.

Police have not ye discovered where the wire is being taken to burn off or where it is being sold.

Police believe that it may be taken out of the borough because of the

The GEM is in partnership with the Dog's Trust to find caring homes for animals in their charge at Bridgend Rehoming Centre (Telephone: 01656 725219)

Two in need of a home...

SUMMER is a fivevear-old German Shepherd dog.

A centre spokes-woman reports: "She is friendly with people but she can be strong-mind-ed with other dogs, so is best suited as the only

dog in the home.
"She is bright and very trainable. In the right home, she will make a fantastic, loyal

and loving companion."

Type of home needed: As she can be a strong character she will suit someone with experience of her breed or similar She will benefit from some further basic training. She can live with children eight years



Summer



Pepper TWO-vear-old bright and sharp little Terrier cross with

lots of energy!
She gets on with other dogs, but can be reactive towards them on the lead, so needs further training. She is playful and lots of fun. She is housetrained and fine to be left for a few

She needs an owner who has owned dogs

(ideally terriers) before. She can live with other dogs. Her new owner will need to be active and be able to provide her with lots of fun activities to channel her energy in the right direction.



Chairman Derek King with Ryan Woodbridge, general manager of Riverside Hardware.

Naming rights for the Brewery Field

Ltd, the joint ven-future of the club for both seasons. ture company Ravens AFC. Bridgend and Bridgend Town of the naming rights

of the Brewery Field Bridgend. Stadium Riverside Hardware

vears. Derek King, the Brewery Field chairman, stated: "We are extremepleased to be able to Borough of Bridgend", nounce the awarding the naming rights. ly pleased to be able to of the naming rights to Riverside Hardware who everyone in the Bridgend area knows to be a wellestablished and extreme-

the lease of Brewery goal. It is also pleasing Ravens and Bridgend Has that we are able to Town AFC?

announced the sale achieve it with a companion of the variable and the sale and the s AFC to take over in achieving that ultimate ny who have a long asso-ciation with the town of

'Riverside Hardware together with our other for the next three loyal sponsors are making a major contribution to ensure that the stadium continues to be the flag-

> branch manager Riverside said:

"I just want to say a

BREWERY Field Brewery Field Ltd is to work in partnership with

the Bridgend Ravens "What better way used and Bridgend Town securing the naming rights to the stadium to "This is a major step show our commitment to both the

securing the naming rights, we can all look forward to taking great strides towards securing Premiership rugby and Welsh Premier League football at the Riverside Hardware Brewery Field next season, as both sides strive for promotion this

term.
"The stadium naming nanager of rights was a commercial Hardware, opportunity that could not be overlooked as we continue to raise the proly successful local business.

"The ultimate aim of ing us this opportunity to country".

PCSO GETS THE SUMMER VIBE!



PCSO Christian Freeth (right) helps out at the Summer Vibe.

NEWCASTLE neigh- noon between 3pm and bourhood Police 7pm, he calls in to "It's a marvellous Community Support Bryntirion Junior opportunity for young Freeth is working with been helping organisers Bridgend Youth provide a range of Service throughout activities, which include August, supporting a arts and crafts, dance, range of centre-based hair and beauty, bas-services aimed at the ketball, pool, table-ten-young people of the mis, football, music and

Christian School where he has young people of the nis, football, music and area, in a special film-making, treasure Summer Vibe initia- hunts, quizzes, camptive. craft and graffiti work-Every Monday after-shops.

PCSO Freeth said: people to meet and work together and have some fun while also learning new skills.

"It also means that at the same time the youngsters have a safer summer, so why not along come Monday and we all look forward to seeing you there!"

Summer Vibe offers a variety of activities, events, workshops and trips for young people in Bridgend County throughout the summer holidays.

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Local canine society visits the Amelia Trust Farm for a companion dog show

Trust played host to a meeting of the Barry, Penarth and South Glamorgan Canine Society.

Two dog shows were held, a companion dog show with a fun theme, and also a more 'serious' best of breed show. Pictured on this page,

are some of the entries in each competition.

For the trust, which is a charity, the visitors were a welcome source of revenue.

Photos by MANDY THOMAS (Available for purchase, telephone 07974 518347)





























The old stone bridge's crumbling cobbles concern councillors

in Bridgend is causing concern taken place. **to town councillors.**Members heard that the cobbles are

THE deteriorating state of the cil that it has been in talks with CADW cobbles on the old stone bridge about the bridge and a site visit has

CADW has agreed that thinner cob-bles can be used, which are less likely coming loose because CADW will not allow them to be secured using a more robust process.

allow them to be secured using a more robust mortar.

The council wrote to BCBC asking them to carry out repairs to the bridge, which is a scheduled ancient monument and dates from the 14th century. BCBC has now told the town coun- expected to start this autumn.

FESTIVAL WEEK IN PORTHCAWL

(Continued from page 6)

THE annual sea festival in Porthcawl, not for the first time, had a mixture of weather.

As our report (below) from the sandcastle competition on Friday makes clear, some days were less than perfect. However, a sunny weekend meant that the two busiest days went well, with plenty of spectators lounging in the sunshine for the Sunday afternoon music performances.





ABOVE: On the Sunday of sea festival week, the accent was on younger musicians, and crowds in the harbour were entertained by 'One Night Stand.

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ABOVE: David Milligan played an accoustic set on Sunday afternoon at Porthcawl harbour.



Peter's festival book launch!

A PORTHCAWL man has written a book detailing his experiences in Nigeria when the country was given its independence.

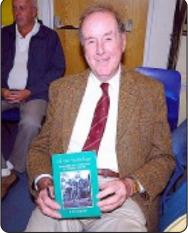
Peter Henry signed copies of his book at the official launch, which took place at a sea festival event in Porthcawl Museum.

Peter has published the book himself and had it printed and bound in Wales by Dinefwr Press Ltd, of L 1 a n d y b i e , Carmarthenshire. He lived in Nigeria

He lived in Nigeria and worked as a forester from 1950 to 1962. The country was granted independence in 1960.

In the book, he writes about life in Nigeria at the time, and

LEFT: The artists formerly known as The Stanley Band, have now changed their name to 'The Emergency'



ABOVE: Local author Peter Henry with a copy of his book. (Photograph by Keith E Morgan).

also about work he did studying different methods of regenerat-

ing the rainforest.

Peter is the last surviving member of the Jenkin Henry family.

Jenkin Henry family.

The family's legacy is celebrated each year when the town council treats old Porthcawl

residents to a tea and slide show at the Rest Hotel.

Copies of the book can be obtained at £12 each from Peter at his home Tre-Athan, 79, Newton-Nottage Road, Porthcawl, Mid Glamorgan, CF36 5RR.



ABOVE: PCSOs Daniel Evans and Gareth Madelin, meeting sea festival-goers in John Street. (Photograph by Keith E Morgan).

Members step back in time at woollen mill

ON August 4, Llanharry WI ladies were joined by friends and members from Bont Faen and Ystradowen WIs for their summer trip.

A full coach headed west to Llandeilo, Llandovery and on to Llanwrtyd Wells to the Cambrian woollen mill.

A tour of the production floor was available, where weaving has taken place since 1918.

The processes that turn a raw fleece into finished cloth were explained and the working of a loom demon-

strated.

A brief stop at Builth
Wells was made before
journeying to Llangoed

Hall, a Welsh country house hotel, near Brecon, for afternoon tea.

tea.

A very warm welcome was extended and a guided tour of the reception rooms and bedrooms was very much enjoyed, followed by a delicious tea.

Before departing, the

by a delicious tea.

Before departing, the weather allowed a stroll around the well-tended gardens which overlook the Wye Valley and the Black Mountains.

On August 8, four members enjoyed a weekend in the comfort of Denman College,

Oxford.

Their chosen talks were fashion and design and cookery.

The next meeting is on September 7 at the church hall at 7.30pm.

PORTHCAWL'S SANDCASTLES IN THE RAIN!



FRIDAY morning during the Porthcawl Sea Festival is the traditional time for the familt sandcastle competition.

So, when the morning dawned rather grey and damp, it looked as if it might be a non-starter.

However, holidaymakers in Porthcawl are made of stern stuff, and when the Mayor, Coun Mary Emment-Lewis, arrived, there were children out on the sand undetered by the rain.

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Providing a different slant this year was local artist Siobhan Grice (below), who created her own piece of art work.

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It wasn't a castle, but more of a crop circle design, entitled 'The Mermaid' (See above).





PHOTOGRAPHS by KEITH E MORGAN

The Mayor of Porthcawl, Coun Mary Emment-Lewis, her consort Bobby Lewis, the deputy town clerk Sarah Watkins, and Alan the Porthcawl Council Man about Town, with the enthusiastic, but very wet children, parents – and prizes.

PHOTOGRAPHS by IAN DIXON

A sandcastle competition with a difference was held at Whitmore Bay on Saturday, July 4.

Among the contestant were architects from Wales and the west of England, so they were determined to show how the experts can do it!.

The event was supported by the Vale Council, and a large crowd of spectators watched as more than 15 fairy tale castles emerged from the soft sands of the beach.































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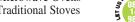
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Susan Margaret Lucy (neé Hopkin) - August 8th, 2009

A year has passed since we lost our Susie, You're only a blink and a whisper away. Cherished in our thoughts every day. "Words are few, thoughts are deep, worts are lew, thoughts are deep,
Memories of you we will always keep,
For those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day."
From your loving husband John, Sally-Ann,
John, Dale, Heather and grandchildren. x x x

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Birthdays

THOMAS Happy 18th Birthday Blaine! (Blanche)

14 AUGUST 2010

We hope you have a great day and wish you all the best for your future. We love you. Mum, Dad, Glyndwr & Liam.



MARTIN McDERMOTT Happy 60th Birthday

12th August 2010



Congratulations and best wishes. Love from Sue and all the family XXXX

Public Notices



VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL LEGAL, PUBLIC

PROTECTION & HOUSING SERVICES

MARRIAGE ACT 1994 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

Take notice that the above department has received the following application under the above Act from St Mary's Golf Club Ltd for St. Mary's Hotel, St. Mary's Hill, Pencoad. Vale of Glamorgan, CF35 SEA to be a premise approved as a venue for Marriage and Civil Partnership Ceremonies.

This application and associated plans are available for public inspection between 9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m., Monday to Friday at the Civic Offices, Hoton Road Barry CF63 4RU.

Any person wishing to object to the grant. of this approval should write to the above address giving reasons for their objection within 21 days of the date of publication of this notice.

Peter H Evens Director of Legal, Public Protection & Housing Services CYNGOR BRO MORGANING

GWASANAETHAU CYFREITHIOL, AMDDIFFYN Y CYHOEDD A THAI

DEDDF PRIODAS 1994 A DEDOF PRIODAS SIFIL 2004

Noder fod yr adran uchod wedi detsyn y cais canlynol o dan y Ddeddf uchod gan St Mary's Golf Club Cyf ar gyfer Gwesty Bartles Fair, St Mary's Hill, Pericoed, Bro Morganneg, CF36 5EA i tod yn safe a gymeradwy'r tei lieolad ar gyfer Seremoniau Priodas a Phartneriaeth Sift.

Mae'r cais hwn a churthuniau cysylltiedio ar gael i'r cyhoedd eu harchwlio rhwng 9.00am - 4.00pm, dydd Llun i ddydd Givener yn y Swyddfeydd Dinesig, Heol Holton, y Barri CF63 4RU.

Dylai unityw un sydd am wrthwynebu'r cais hwn ysgrifennu i'r cyfeiriad uchod yn rhoi rheaymau am y gwrthwynebiad o fewn 21 diwrnod i ddieddiad cyhoeddi'r hysbysiad hwn.

Poter H Evens Cyferwyddwr y Owesanaethau Cyfreithiol,

Amddiffyn y Cyhoedd a Thai

VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

SCHEDULE 4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (Miscellaneous Provisions) **ACT 1982**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Paragraph 2 of Schedule 4 to the above Act that the Vale of Glamorgan Council intend, by resolution, to designate all streets in their district as consent streets, for the purposes of street trading as defined by that Act, including all forecourts, roads, footways, or other areas adjacent to all streets in the resolution for distance of 15 metres. There will be no licence streets

CYNGOR BRO MORGANING

ATODLAEN 4 -DEDDF LLYWODRAETH LEOL (Darpariaethau Amrywiol) 1982

Rhoddi'r rybudd yn unol â Paragraff 2 o Atodlen 4 | Ddeddf uchod bod Cyngor Bro Morganning yn bwriadu, drwy benderfyniad, i ddynodi holl strydoedd yn eu hardal fel strydoedd cantatild, at ddibenion masnachu ar y stryd fei yr diffinnir gan y Ddeddf honno. Gan gynnwys yr holl blasngyrtiau, flyrdd, llwybrau troed neu ardatoedd eraill cyfagos i holl strydoedd yn y penderfyniad am bellter o 15 metr. Ni fydd unrhyw drwydded strytloedd.

Delai unrhwe selesdau meen parthynas à'r cynnig cael eu hanfon yn ysgrifenedig Adran Truyddedu Cyngor Bro Morganneg, Swyddfeydd Dinesig, Heol Holton, Y Bany, CF63 4RU erbyn

Articles For Sale

ADVERTISE HERE for up to 4 weeks for 50p a word plus VAT. To take advantage of this offer simply either send in your description along with a cheque for the appropriate amount made payable to 'The Glamorgan Gem' at The Gem, Graig House, Sa Eastgate, Cowbridge CF71 7EL or very contain a residential land contain a residential land line telephone number. You may alter your advert as items are sold. Sorry no

refunds are given. 13ft TRAMPOLIN - £20. Tel: 01446 760379. (33)

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MOTHERCARE travel cot include padded mattress base (hardly used) - £40. Tel: 01446 732783 or 07980
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TELEVISION STAND, new, with two doors with two shelves - £40. Tel: 01446 796715. (33)

796715. (33)
BOYS BICYCLE suit 5 to 8 year old, good condition, cost £99, 6 months ago, bargain - £20. Tel: 01446 774557. (33)

TWO SEATER and 3 seater TWO SEATER and 3 seater black leather settees and large puffee - £200. Super king size bed and headboard - £50. Two navy chesterfield settees - £200, navy armchair - £45. Tel: 01446 412419. (33)

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FIRE Canon GAS GAS FIRE Canon Coalridge (brown), excellent condition - £80. Tel: 01446 403114. (32)

403114. (32)
BARGIAN FURNITURE.
Bedroom, dining and living room furniture in very good condition. To be cleared from sold property in Penarth. Nothing older than 11 years. Most items £10.20. Collect only. Tel: 1372. 750118 for full details.

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Any comments in respect of this proposal should be forwarded in Tel: 01446 721168

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30 Medi 2010.

Send in your Birthday, Anniversary or Congratulatory Message. It costs from as little as £20 plus VAT. Call The GEM on 01446 774484 or e-mail gemsales@internet-today.co.uk

2000 X Reg Fiat Coupe 20v



Fiat service history, cam belt changed, MOT. One of the last made, so all electric extras including sunroof. Cost £22,000 new, Sony sound system, superb example.

Reduced to £2,500 for quick sale 07866 391835 • 02920 531417

HONDA JAZZ 1.2 DSi 5-dr

Red, one owner, only 15,000 miles, FSH, long MoT and Taxed til 2011. Immaculate condition, very economical.

£5.450 07894 233331 32

2005 VW Polo 1.4 Twist 5-dr

Black, petrol, 38k, 12 nonths MoT, just serviced excellent condition

£4,800 ono 01446 792743 07922 001972

Peugeot 307 2.0 XSi

Red, 2003, 49k, Mot'd July 2011, Taxed Sept 31 2010, dy Owners, Top Spec

£3,750 ono 07910 417471 07910 554483

Motorbikes

SUZUKI **GS500F** 2005

Blue, plus extras, e owner, 5,020 miles. £2.250 ono 01446 413034

Articles For Sale

ITALIAN leather, new, brown 3 seater settee, 2 seater settee and chair - £400. Tel: 01446 774364. (31)

ELECTRIC integral oven and grill - £100 ono. Singer sewing machine - £50 ono. Stove, view - offers invited. Tel: 01446 775746. (31)

Tel: 01446 775746. (31)
TOWER SCAFFOLDING,
new, 6ft x 4ft, galvanized, 20ft
working height, ideal builders
and DIY -£190, free delivery.
Tel: 07836 270723. (31)
PETROL MOWER still boxed
-£250. Bath master Sir
Noras (new) -£150. Stairlift
(nearly new) -£500.

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Wheelchair, folding (new) - £150. Tall freezer (almost new) - £100. Tel: 01656 890489. (31)

MINATURE pedestal table wheeled sewing box - £15 Tel: 01446 740817 (31)

Tei: 01446 740817 (31)
TRIPLE WARDROBE £95.
Glass coffee table £25. Beko fridge/freezer with drinks dispenser, one year old £200.
Wall unit £20. Tel: 01446
701645. (30)
SONY 32" COLOUR TV
FST, 7 speaker surround sound £75. Tel: 01446
773010. (30)
THREE PIECE SUITE Two

THREE PIECE SUITE Two months old, soft cover £500 ono. Tel: 01446 406735. (30) Onc. Iel: 01446 406735. (30)
CHESTERFIELD Leather 3
seater settee and chair in
antique red. Some slight
damage on arm of settee.
£275 buyer collects. Tel:
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ELECTRIC BOOTY Scooter, brand new £525. Tel: 01446 711680. (30)

CARAVAN AWNING 12ft tourer £95. Tel: 02920

tourer £95. 515234. (30)

CHILDREN'S WARDROBE with 3 sliding drawers inside and drawer at the bottom. £100 ono. Tel: 01446 771330. (30)

Fiat Punto 1.2

New MoT, Tax to January 2011, service history, 38,000 miles.

£2,600 ono 01446 760875 07774 857428₃₁

FORD Fiesta

1.3 Zetec

-dr hatchback, a/c, cd, alloy
wheels, 7 months MOT, 9
months Tax, Red, 116,000
miles, ideal first car.
Good condition,
good engine.
Offers around £1,095
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07847 657316
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01 Ford Ka

Metallic blue, K40, Mot'd till June 2011, taxed till Dec 2010. Excellent con-

£1.550 ono 07910 417471 07910 554483

Toyota Celica 1.8VVTi I IMITED EDITION BLUE MODEL

Black, alloy wheels, spoiler, leather seats, air con, 6-disc CD changer, service his tory, tax & MOT. £6,750 ono 07850 701756

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Blue with top box, low mileage, good condition.

£125 01446 793769

55 Vauxhall Zafira Club 1.6 Petrol

Silver, 7-seater, 27k alloys, e/mirrors, cd, MoT til October.

£5,000 01656 659397

SCOOTER SHOP RIDER New £400

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2000 X Reg Volkswagen VW Bora 1.9 Tdi

Taxed & tested. Excellent runner, eco-nomical .

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Panoramic Sea

Fanoramic Sea Front Position in small Vale Park Luxury Willerby caravan 6-berth, one double en-suite, 37x12', verandah. High qualify furniture & fittings, DG, CH, Tel point. 10/12 mfts occupancy, 5 yrs old, No dogs.

NSPCC's Dyffryn garden party remembers one of charity's great supporters











'Park is now a vibrant area'

WE, as the Barry Town councillors for the Cadoc and Court wards, would like to congratulate John Greatrex and his team, on arranging a very successful summer programme for the people of Barry, especially those in our wards that are closest to the park.

Victoria Park is now a vibrant area, with the 'Room in the Park' being well utilised, and fun days and the chil-

dren's games being very much part of the community spirit. It makes it a real pleasure to go to the park.

A VERY successful

garden party was

organised by the

branch committee

of the NSPCC at

Dyffryn Gardens.

It was attended by

Karl Kuhnell and Mrs

Mayor and Mayoress

Glamorgan, Colin and

Also present were

Mrs Fiona Curteis, the

chairman of Cardiff

and District branch

and Mrs Jo Leonard,

Meryl Kuhnell, and the

Barry central

the Mayor and

of the Vale of

Ruby Osbourne.

Mayoress of Barry

Many visitors coming back to Barry are returning to the park from years ago, to rem inisce of days gone by.

Keep up the good work, boys, and we will support your events.

Couns Brooks, Cash Davey, J Evans, Payne and Stenstrom (Members' Room, Barry the area fundraising coordinator. Fiona Curteis spoke

of the sad loss of Gareth Howe and of the support he gave to his wife, Carys, over the 50 years since she formed the Barry committee of NSPCC

His presence is very much missed. Gareth took great interest in the work undertaken by

He organised several musical evenings at his

home over the years, raising a great amount

of money. Fiona then presented Carys with a posthu-mous award for Gareth, in the form of a framed certificate, in recognition of his support over many years.

The amount raised was £1,200.34 and the committee wishes to thank everyone who attended the garden

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NEWS FROM RHOOSE WI

THE Rhoose WI met on August 5 at Community Hall. in Stewart Road.

The evening began with a minute's silence as a mark of respect for a member, Veronica member, Veronica Surman, who recently passed away. Veronica will be sadly missed.

The secretary reported that the coffee morning held at the home of Avril Phillips had been a great success; the weather had been marvellous and a substantial very substantial sum had been raised, half of which had been donated to Tv Hafan.

In July, the walkers of The Lunch Club had enjoyed a pleasant walk around the airport and through Nurston to The Blue Anchor, where they met other members for

After these reports the members settled down to the main part of the evening devoted to social events.

A short entertainment was performed by the newly formed entertainments group and their sketch 'The WI Year' was well received .

This was followed by a supper provided by caterers. Afterwards, the winner of the WI bursary was announced. It was won by Grace Watkins who will use the award to study photography. The raffle was won by Betty Howe.

Planned events for August and September are as follows: Lunch at BearCowbridge, on August 26; a tour of Fonmon Castle, followed by afternoon tea on September 7; canal cruise at Gloucester on September 23.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 2, at 7.30pm at The Community Hall. Stewart Road, Rhoose.

Mrs Sarah Keep will give a talk and demonstration on Making'

New members and visitors will be made

to victory.

Year-10 Matthew

Edwards (Barry

Comprehensive) won

the under-16 1.500

metres in a very

encouraging time.

Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan Schools under-14 and under-16 Cup Final, Cardiff International Sports Stadium

JOY FOR THE VALE AT MEET

Cowbridge under-14 boys (years 7 and 8) and the Llantwit under-16 girls (years 9 and 10) teams at the Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan Schools Cup final.

Since 1997, the association has held a Cup competition based on six preliminary round matches, with the winner of each section at each of the fixtures qualifying for the A Final and the second placed team taking part in the B Final. Both finals were held at Jenner Park, which, with a six-lane track, was an ideal venue to stage the three-hour event.

Much is at stake at the A final. The winning school in each of the four sections qualifies for the NASUWT Cymru Welsh Schools Final at Brecon in July, and the second-placed school is invited to the Plate final on the same day, also at Brecon. Sadly, at the 2009

Cardiff & the Vale A Final, schools turned up at Jenner to find that. following work on the triple jump pit by the Vale Council, the field referee ruled that it was

unsafe for use. Given the qualifying element of the fixture for Brecon, there were a number of schools who did not want to risk staging such an important fixture at the Barry sta dium again. As a result, the cup competition was altered with only four preliminary matches, with the plan that the top two teams would qualify for the A final with the third and fourth place teams taking part in the B final.

Two eight-school finals at Cardiff International Sports Stadium should have provided four extra teams with an opportunity to take part.

However, the best laid plans do not always work out. The everextending tentacles of the external examination system now have a hold on year-10 pupils, who are eligible to take modular GCSE examina-

The outcome, discovered at a late date, was that there were key year-10 GCSE modules on two of the dates planned for the cup preliminaries. One fixture had to be started two hours later than planned and two others had to be postponed to the scheduled A Cup final date, the A Cup final was moved to the B Cup final date, and the B final scrapped – the first time that B final has not been held since it was started in 1997.

It also meant that only eight schools took part in the final instead of the usual 12!

There was only one major surprise in the

Whitchurch won the under-16 boys section with Stanwell just getting the better of the Cowbridge squad.

Llantwit and Bro Morgannwg both qualified all four teams for the final, with Cowbridge fielding three and Barry Comprehensive getting both boys' squads through.

Sadly, Stanwell did not understand that two teams qualified from each match and, as a result, did not compete in the final, which meant that year-9 pupils Tom Williams and Matteo Holmes missed the opportunity to make an impression against the best of year-10.

At the final, held on a sunny afternoon at Leckwith, the Cowbridge under-14 boys' team was headed by Aviva UK Sportshall under-13 standing long jump champion George Griffiths and Aviva Welsh Sportshall under-13 4 lap champion Tom

With pupils restricted to a maximum of one track and one field event, plus a relay, the duo chalked up wins in the 100 metres, long jump plus a second place in the high jump for a total of 70 points – and helped gain another 18 points with a relay win.

Although success by two individuals is helpful, a much greater all-round team effort is needed to win the Cup and qualify for Brecon. Thankfully, Mr Glan Williams and his Cowbridge PE department colleagues are blessed with an outstanding group of pupils in years 7 and 8, and responded with a fine

series of performances There were A competition wins from Brad Rosser (hurdles) and Joe Gaughan (300 and shot) and top three placings from most of the other A and B string athletes. They were chased hard by Cardiff High, but in the end Cowbridge triumphed with 301 points and the north Cardiff school had to settle for

second on 270.5 The under-16 girls section was very much a battle between Llantwit and Whitchurch. Last year, the Vale school tied with Cardiff High in the under-14 section, quali-fying for the NASUWT ymru Cup final thanks

to more individual wins. This year's under-16 team included familiar names from that squad. On the track, there were the expected wins from Lucy Tarrant (800) and Megan Osborne (1,500). the ever-reliable Lucy
Taylor produced the best leap in the long jump and gained valuable points with a B 100m victory, year-10 Emma Worrall won the high jump with Amie Parsons

Report by PETER MORRIS Pictures by IAN DIXON

leading the hurdlers home and Chloe Phillips and Megan Davies finishing second and third respectively in the shot and discus.

At the end of a long afternoon, it was announced that for a second consecutive year, Llantwit girls had been involved in a tie – with Whitchurch - and had qualified thanks to a greater number of individual winners but, on checking, the Vale school had won by the narrowest of margins, half a point.

With Llanishen winning the under-16 boys section and Whitchurch taking the under-14 girls' title, only the Cowbridge and Llantwit squads qualified for the Brecon finals.

Other Vale pupils to catch the eye with victo-ries included the Barry Comprehensive trio of Arran Reid (100), Matthew Collins (1,500) and Josh Albertides (high jump) at under-16, the Llantwit duo of Ben Owen (800) and Richard Dangerfield (javelin) in the under-14 events and, in the under-14 girls section, Aviva Welsh Sportshall standing long jump champion Izzy Eddy-Williams (100) and her Cowbridge team-mate Annabel Curle (high jump) plus Danielle Dakin-Weston

(Llantwit, javelin). Results of Vale pupils: Under-16 boys – Years 9 and 10 – Teams: 1 Llanishen 285; 4 Llantwit 227.5; 6 Bro Morgannwg 223; 7 Barry 221. 100 A: 1 Arran Reid (Barry) 11.5; 3 George Lee (Lwt) 11.9; 5 Harry Foster-Davies (Bro M)) 12.3; 100 B: 2 Cameron Richards (Lwt) 12.2; 5 Connor Dovle (Barry) 6 Dafi Davies (Bro M)) 12.6. 200 A: 1 Wesley Burns (Bro M)) 24.1; 5 Michael West (Lwt) 25.7; 7 Tom Adams (Barry) 26 8: 200 B: 2 Rhys James (Barry) 25.6; 4 Jacob Briscombe (Bro M)) 26.7. 300 A: 5 Josh Drew (Lwt) 41.5; 6 Jack Pritchard (Bro M) 43.2 7 Cory Hill (Barry) 46.1; 300 B: 2 Josh Sanderson (Lwt) 40.6; 5 Will Powell (Barry) 43.0; 6 Daniel Wells (Bro M) 800 A: 3 Matthew Collins (Barry) 2:12.3; 5 Dafydd James-Isaac (Lwt) 2:21.4; 6 Morgan Preece (Bro M) 2:22.4 800 B: 4 John Conkey (Lwt) 2:25.0; 5 Curtis Haye (Barry) 2:26.3; 6

George Connolly (Bro M) 2:28.4.

Edwards (Barry) 4:20.2; 2 Rory Heslop (Bro M) 4:37.5; 7 Rory Ellis (Lwt) 4:58.5; 1500 B: 1

Callam Barrie (Barry)

1.500 A: 1 Matthew

80H A: 2 Luke Dawes (Lwt) 12.8; 6 David Parkes (Bro M) 13.3; 7 Josh Albertides (Barry) 13.9; 80H B: 3 Ieuan Orton (Bro M) 13.4; 5 Jamie Robinson (Lwt)

14.1; 7 Kieron Sharratt (Barry) nt. 4 x 100: 1 Llantwit 47.1: 4 Barry 48.5; 6 Bro Morgannwg 49.0. HJ A: 1= Josh Albertides (Barry) 1.60; 3= Ieuan Orton (Bro M) 1.60: 5 Connor Craythorne (Lwt) 1.50; HJ B: 2= Ed Howley (Lwt) 1.50; 4 Arran Reid (Barry) 1.50; 5= Daniel Wells (Bro M)

LJ A: 2 Wesley Burns (Bro M) 5.41; 4 George Lee (Lwt) 5.26; 7 Cory Hill (Barry) 4.82; LJ B: 3 Jacob Briscombe (Bro M) 5.04; 5 Josh Drew (Lwt) 4.79; 6 Alex Lennon (Barry) 4.43. TJ A: 4 Luke Dawes (Lwt) 11 12: 5 Harry oster-Davies (Bro M) 11.08: 7 Matt Collins (Barry) 10.61; TJ B: 4 Callum Harding (Bro M) 10.49; 6 John Conkey (Lwt) 10.24; 7 Will Powell (Barry) 10.09. SP A (4kg): 5 Ben Davies (Bro M) 10.59; 6 Lloyd Meyrick (Barry) 10.30; 7 Jack Smith (Lwt) 8.52; SP B (4kg) 5 Ben Thomas (Bro M) 9.83; 6 Jack Bloomfield 9.83; 6 Jack Bloomfield (Barry) 9.27; 7 Elliot Parry (Lwt) 7.90. DT A (1.25kg): 5 Kieron Carpenter (Bro M) 27.10; 6 Matthew Jones (Lwt) 25.36; 7 Lucas Davies (Barry) 22.66; DT B (1.25kg): 3 Jack Pritchard (Bro M) 25.37; 6 Jack Austin (Lwt) 22.72; 7 John Miles (Barry) 21.20. (Barry) 21.20. JT A (600g): 2 David Evans (Lwt) 36.93; 4 Phillip Stanford (Bro M) 36.67; 7 Tom Adams (Barry) 28.92; JT B

Robinson (Lwt) 30.68; 4 Jacob Burgess (Barry) 28.75: Malachai Corrigan (Bro M) nt. Under-14 Boys – Years 7 and 8 – Teams: 1 Cowbridge 301; 4 Barry 224; 7 Bro Morgannwg 196; 8 Llantwit 195.5. 100 A: 1 George Griffiths (Cow) 12.0; 5 Callum Mickelsen (Barry) 13.1; 6 James Walsh (Bro M) 13.5; 8 Alex Hill (Lwt) 13.9: 100 B: 1 Harry Dowell-Bennett (Cow) 12.5; 2 Luke Purnell (Barry) 3.2; 7 Rhydian Hopkins (Bro M) 14.9. 200 A: 2 Tom Trotman (Cow) 26.0; 3 Richard Dangerfield (Lwt) 27.8; 6 Connor Clark (Barry) 28.3; 8 Owen Young (Bro M) 28.8; 200 B: 2 Lloyd Hawkins (Barry) 27.8; 4 Oliver Evans (Cow) 28.2: 7 Rhys Bugler (Lwt) 30.1; 8 Rhys Hunter (Bro M) 30.2. 300 A: 1 Joe

Gaughan (Cow) 41.9; 4

Rhys Forse (Barry) 45.4;

(600g): 2 Jamie

48.3; 8 Ben Brown (Lwt) 48.9; 300 B: 3 James Smart (Cow) 44.8; 5 Nico Wilson (Barry) 46.1; 6 Taylor Harris (Bro M) 46.5: 8 Connor Clarke (Lwt) (Lwt) 2:23.4: 2 Joshua

Thomas (Cow) 2:29.5; 6 Gethin Cooper (Bro M) 2:45.4; 8 Calvin McCann (Barry) 2:01.5; 800 B: 1 Kristian Jones (Cow) 2:34.7; 3 Arran Bright (Lwt) 2:43.0; 6 Bright (LWt) 2:45.0; 6 Iwan Mepham (Bro M) 2:48.0; 7 Daniel Brock (Barry) 3:03.5. 1,500 A: 2 Dafydd George (Bro M) 4:55.6; Cameron Jones (Cow) 4:57.6: 5 Tom Rawlings (Lwt) 5:03.3; 7 Elliot Morris-Devred (Barry) 5:13.9; 1500 B: 2 Tom Owen (Cow) 5:17.5; 3 Gareth Hurman (Barry) 5:21.5; 5 Iwan Thomas (Bro M) 5:25.0; 8 Jake Mazzitelli (Lwt) 5:58.5 75H A: 1 Brad Rosser (Cow) 13.5; 4 Jake Sutch (Lwt) 14.8; 5 Callum Tumilty (Barry) 14.8; 7 Jack Burbidge (Bro M) 17.0; 75H B: 2 Tyler Rogers (Cow) 14.1; 4 Alan Evans (Bro M) 14.1; 5 Rhys Bennett (Lwt) 15.1; 8 Theo Richards (Barry) 16.5. 4 x 100: 1 Cowbridge 48 9: 5 Barry 53 9: 7 48.9; 5 Barry 53.9; 7 Llantwit 56.5; 8 Bro Morgannwg 56.5. HJ A: 1 Tom Trotman

1 15 LJ A: 1 George Griffiths (Cow) 5.42; 4 Lloyd Hawkins (Barry) 4.54; 7 Dafydd George (Bro M) 4.23; 8 Alex Hill (Lwt) 4.00; LJ B: 1 Joshua Thomas (Cow) 4.54; 2 Callum Mickelsen (Barry) 4.23: 5 Ben Murphy (Lwt) 3.97; 6 Owen Young (Bro M)

(Cow) 1.58; 4 James

Walsh (Bro M) 1.40; 6= Jake Sutch (Lwt) 1.30; 8

Elliot Morris-Devred (Barry) 1.25; HJ B: 1=

Declan Thomas (Cow)

1.40; 3 Gethin Cooper (Bro M) 1.40; 6 Rhys

Bugler (Lwt) 1.25; 8

Scott Townsend (Barry)

TJ A: 2 Liam Martin (Cow) 9.45; 3 Luke Purnell (Barry) 9.27; 4 Alan Evans (Bro M) 9.08; 8 Connor Clarke (Lwt) 8.55: TJ B: 4 Gabe Shires (Cow) 8.72 5 Curtis Jones (Bro M) 8.23; 6 Dan Reed (Lwt) 7.79; Callan Tumilty (Barry) nj. SP A (3.25kg): 1 Joe Gaughan (Cow) 11.54; 2

DT B (1kg): 1 Greg Jerwood (Cow) 24.36; 4

Gaugnan (Cow) 11.54; 2 Lucas Jones (Barry) 10.44; 5 Hugo Billington (Lwt) 9.34; 7 Richard Evans (Bro M) 8.85; SP Allin (Cow) 4.14; 2 Olivia Holt (Lwt) 3.92; 3 Zoe Stevens (Bro M) 3.80. SP A (3.25kg): 2 Chloe Phillips (Lwt) 7.92; 3 B (3.25kg): 1 Rhys Force (Barry) 10.33; 3 Will Matthews (Cow) Megan Thomas (Bro M) 8.67; 6 Finn Marcus (Bro M) 7.77; 8 7.79; 6 Katie Wynne (Cow) 6.72; SP B Matthew Sanderson (Lwt) 6.29. (3.25kg): 1 Ellen Pitt (Lwt) 6.97; 5 Imogen DT A (1kg): 2 Harry Bennett (Cow) 27.52; 5 Stratton-Rees (Bro M) 5.82; 8 Rachel Jones Nico Wilson (Barry) (Cow) 4.66. DT A (1kg): 3 Megan Davies (Lwt) 19.29; 4 22.15; 6 Ben Brown (Lwt) 19.63: 7 Joseff Leanne Kelland (Bro M) 19.22; 7 Ellie Williams Richards (Bro M) 17.59;

(Cow) 16.43; DT B

17 55: 6 Ben Owen (Lwt) 16.84; 7 Jacob Conway (Bro M) 16.74 JT A (400g): 1 Richard Dangerfield (Lwt) 35.03; 3 Daniel Brock (Barry) 31.06; 5 Harry Stubbington (Cow) 27.36; 6 Iwan Mepham (Bro M) 27.29; JT B (400g): 3 Connor Adams (Barry) 25.58; 4 Joel Thomas (Bro M) 24.16; 6 Brad Rosser (Cow)

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Goytre United are likely to be a shadow of the team this year.

the side they were last year in winning the title, Dragons finished third mainly due to the loss of two seasons ago, and players to Bridgend, ended up seventh last players to Bridgend. Check
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Afan Lido, who finished third last year, will ers. also apply to return to the

have signed five players son, however, this Port from last season's cham- Talbot club always pions Goytre United, as attracts good players and well as the two most pro-

season – newly promoted Penrhiwceiber might be

scoring record, so if the Town can maintain their Last year's runners-up, Cambrian and Clydach, have benefited of too many injuries and hugely from financial focus on their goal scorfocus on their goal scor-ing, the Dragons have a real chance of promotion. Bearing in mind their pre-season form so far of

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CONTINUING their build- Sullivan did herself proud, taking taking second in continuous spar

up to the world games in
Ireland this year, the
Cadoyton Schools of Tae Ireland this year, the Cadoxton Schools of Tae Kwon-Do attended the fourth of a series of six Welsh masters' tournaments.

Thomas Haysham and Hayley Mattey got the school off to a good start, taking second and third places in the junior pattern sec-

The ever-improving Matthew Bennett was first in the point and second in the continuous sparring. Fighting up a category, Bradley Having not competed in three For further information, telephone Halford came away with two first months, Morgan Harrhy did well Ron Thomas on 01446 406372.

point, he took second in the point and continuous sparring sections.

Fighting a very experienced he met a much bigger opponent, opponent in both his point and continuous sparring categories,

Looking in good shape for the Thomas Haysham had some hard bouts and he did well to come home with second in both

In the point sparring, Hayley Mattey came up against some very hard competitors, and eventually came away with third place.

Liam Rees took third place in a hard-fought continuous category. places. Once again, Charlotte and just missed out on the gold,

ring.

Jamie Halford was first in the men's point sparring, and then progressed to the final of the nen's continuous sparring, where

world games, Morganne Gomez Jones took a convincing first in her continuous sparring category Morganne also fought up one cat egory and was first.

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The fielding too was of a high standard and team morale was high.

The Llangennech innings ended with Nat taking a hat trick of

with the excellent figures of 6 for 27

Mike Hordley took 3 for 20 and young Sean Rowland 1 for 10.

It was a very differ-ent story in the batting. Openers Jon Brazier and Guy Parker put on 19 for the first wicket when a shooter did for the skipper plumb in front lbw. This sig-nalled a batting collapse due to a mixture of rash shots and good bowling to 18 for 5.
Once Guy departed

for 12, all resistance evaporated and five ducks in a total of 28 all out tells the story.

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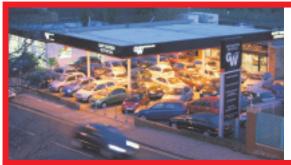


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Ice cream hopes at Knap hit for six as thieves raid the freezer storage room

Knap have been left disgusted by the theft of a freezer which had been bought by a local vendor to supply people with ice creams.

Tiffany Sinanaj (39) who owns Mochachocalatta, a business providing tourists and locals with coffee, teas and cakes, decided to respond to public demand by selling ice creams

too.
She told The GEM: "I ordered a freezer which cost £500 and put it in a storeroom, which is adjacent to the disabled toilet at the Knap.

"It was there at 8.30pm on Tuesday, August 3 but by 7am the contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 next morning it had gone.

"I have reported the theft to the police. It was a commercial freezer that would have required two men and a van to have taken it away.

"It seems likely that someone was watching while it was stored.

"It is so disappointing. People had been asking me to provide ice creams. The freezer cost me a lot of money and now I can't supply what people want."

Tiffany has pasted a note to the door of the toilet block appealing: "To the people who have stolen the freezer, please, please return it. I have struggled to buy it to provide ice cream for people enjoying the Knap. This is my livelihood."

NEWS FROM CADOXTON BOWLING CLUB

Winning week for the bowlers

CADOXTON boosted their position in the Munro Cup league with a gain of 10 points, at home against Millwood.

Graham Brown's rink took the honours with a devastating win against the rink skipped by Arthur Norris. Only six winning ends were managed by the visitors, while the score against them mounted steadily throughout. The advan-tage taken doubled the loss on the rink skipped by Howard Craven, which trailed throughout against the Brian Crockford rink.

Don Kuhnell's four had a close encounter, with their opposition skipped by Colin James, until a '4' on the eighth end opened a gap which was never relinquished.

The advantage on this rink also doubled the loss on the rink skipped by Kelvin Chedgzoy, which fought back well after conceding a '5' and '4', early in the match, against Keith Davies's

T Bishop, R Cole, A Carpenter, D Kuhnell 17–11; B Knight, L Davies, J Stewart, H Craven 13–23; Ellis, G Solomon, A Brown, G Brown 26–6; G Jones, L Cundliffe, I Robertson, K Chedgzoy 14 –17. Final score: 70–57.

Close at West End CADOXTON went to Trelai Park for their match against Cardiff West End, with both sides eager for points to help stave off the threat of relegation.

The bowling 'green', which belied its name as most of it was brown or black, was covered with

moss. Graham Brown's rink were leading 11-6, when a break was made

for tea. The scores were brought level on resumption, before a '4' and '3' regained the advantage. However, the tables changed during the last six ends and they lost by

The rink skipped by Howard Craven reached an advantage of 6–3, all singles, but two 2's before the break took away the lead. Neither side were able to take control, but the home side managed to hold their one-shot lead at the

end.
Fortunately for Cadoxton, Kelvin Chedgzoy's rink had a good day. A '5' and '3' boosted their score to 18–2, and then increased further to 26–5. A little bit of the shine was taken off when seven were scored against while there was three in

their favour.
The rink skipped by Don Kuhnell had a terrible start, with a '6' contributing to a 0–15 deficit. At the break the score was 4–21, which was covered by the same score in Kelvin's favour.

On the restart, there was a much better response by the visitors, whilst conceding just

five.

Being the last rink on overall, Don decided to let them have the one shot they were holding by not playing his last bowl, to have the narrowest of wins.

T Bishop, L Davies, J Davies, K Chedgzoy 29–12; R Cole, H Hellyar, L Cord B FW Kuhnell 16-27: P Ellis. D Evans, A Brown, G

Brown 19-23; G Davies A Carpenter, W Vaughan, H Craven 15-16. Final score:

A' teams wins on three

THE 'A' side hosted the match against Millwood 'A', looking for a win to keep their hopes of promotion intact.

The aggregate score ended level, but with three winning rinks the points went 9–5 in their

favour.
The only unsuccessful rink was skipped by Ivor Robertson, which unfortunately conceded a '4' on the final end, after a recovery which brought them from 14–2 down to within three shots.

Roy Harding's rink collapsed when leading 16-4, but held on for a two-shot win.

The rink skipped by

Graham Garland made a good recovery from a 9–3 deficit, when a '4' and '3' brought them back into the game after 11 ends. Only three further losing rinks before the end brought their

The four skipped by John Stewart cancelled out three singles with a '3'. This was almost completed in reverse when four singles score

were reduced with a '3'
Two single and a '3'
to either side kept the
one-shot difference. However, the home side managed to hold on for a four-shot win.

K Tanner, I Dunbar, D Tuck, I Robertson 16–25; R Doble, V Bryant, S Pycroft, G Garland 18–15; S Clements, G Jones, L Little, J Stewart 18–14; G Powell, M Curtis, D 18-16. Final score:



ABOVE: Tiffany is still serving teas, coffees and cakes - but thanks to mean-spirited thieves ice cream is off the menu.

Murch bowlers' 10 point haul on the road

MURCH bowlers ends, allowing Murch to travelled to Rhoose pull ahead into the final Bowling Club on end 15-9 up. Bowling Club on Wednesday for their midweek Cup game in anticipation of what lay ahead with the new all weather matting laid at recently Rhoose.

Murch soon got to grips with the the new matting and produced some good all round bowling and managed an overall win by one shot

and 10 points.

In the game with skip
Bob Hill, R Pemberton, T Rice and H Guppy, it remained close up until the 15th end – just one shot behind. Murch produced some all round bowling, only to see their shots driven out of the head by Rhoose skip Ray Ball, winning 16-11.

Rhoose responded by scoring four shots on the the score to 8-8 on the (+10 points). 11th end. They failed to score on the next six

Rhoose fought back well and scored six shots Munro bringing the score all square at 15-15.

The captain's rink of skip R Mauchline, C Parsons, D Blainey and D Poole again started off well, 6-3 up on the seventh end, but failed to score on the next three ends, allowing their opponents in front at 7-6 for the first time in the game.

Murch managed to edge their way in front to 12-8 up on the 16th end. Rhoose made a late comeback and scored four shots on final two ends to bring the score all square at 12-12.

Skip C Garland, A Savage, D Davies and D Bateman were the best winning rink and led Skip Colin Grant, G from the start to finish, Santavy, I Robinson and never looking in trouble Skip Colin Grant, G mon the same to missis Santavy, I Robinson and never looking in trouble M Wheadon got off to a good start. They were 6-3 they dropped three shots up on the seventh end but and went on to record a win of 15-9.

Aggregate next three ends, bringing Rhoose 52, Murch 53 ROBERT

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Urban Space in Windsor hat-trick

ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

A FOUR-YEAR-OLD chesnut gelding called *Urban* Space, trained by John Flint at Kenfig Hill, chalked-up its third win at Windsor last weekend when coming home oneand-a-half lengths ahead of Peace Corps in a mile and two furlongs handicap race.

Mr Flint, father of promising jumps jockey Rhys Flint, said: "Rhys will probably persuade me to run the horse over hurdles now.'

Urban Space, who is owned by Mr Jason Tucker, was ridden by Keiron Fox, who was also in the saddle when

it won its previous race **ERDELI WINS**

Erdeli, a six-year-old bay gelding, trained at Aberthin by Tim Vaughan and ridden by seven-pounds-claiming apprentice jockey Thomas Brown won the Holiday Inn Apprentice Handicap at Wolverhampton on Monday.

Taking the lead three furlongs from the finish of this two miles and 119 yards event, Erdeli, owned by the Select Racing Club Ltd, won easily by five lengths at odds of 8-1 to give Vaughan, who is better known as a trainer of hurdlers and steeplechasers, another success

on the flat.

celebrates a clean sweep NATHAN BAKER a saviour; up stepped club legend, Phil wickets and claimed a much-needed 19 points. Stags soar

Barry Athletic

XI to season strugglers Lisvane in a must win' match if the Stags wished to challenge for promotion come the end of the season.

Baker continued his tradition of winning the toss, and asked the hosts to bat first on a tricky surface that invited a bit for the seamers. Barry never looked back after some consistent bowling

brought wickets galore.
The ever-reliable Peter Hellyar claimed another Hellyar claimed another four to take his tally to 32 for the season. He was assisted by the tight bowling of Steve Jones, the swing of promising youngster, Jake Griffett (three wickets) and the in-form Billy Usswald

There was superb fielding on display by Scott Hopkins, with a fine run out, and the ever-promising Ashley Baker, as Lisvane were bowled out for a less than impressive 152 from 44.4

After the interval, opening pair, Damon Leake and Nathan Baker were strolling along at 58-0, before Baker fell victim to Srinivas for a respectable 27 – bringing respectable 27 – bringing in younger brother, Ashley Baker. Both put on a batting exhibition and kept going until Leake passed 50 for the fifth time this season, before being stumped for 54. Ashley Baker soon followed for 29.

followed for 29.
Middle order batsman,
Ian Gadd, could only
score eight as he was
given out lbw. The decision was upheld after a
referral had gone with
the on-field umpire.
Andrew Buckland and
Anjan Ganapathy held
out for a six-wicket win
and another 20 points for
the Stags, now in second the Stags, now in second

Seconds take step towards safety

Martin Baker was on hand to captain Barry Athletic Second XI and the opponents came in the form of Brecon. The Stag bowlers were

soon in full control as Brecon failed to take advantage of a good bat-ting track. Top quality bowling from Phillip Thomas and John Gee saw the Stags take charge of the innings and continne to take wickets at reg-

ular intervals.
Gwyn Price top-scored with 43 as some great 'rabbit' bowling from Simon Phillips (3-42) saw the visitors close on 213-8 from their 50

After tea, the Stags began shakily as Andy Ellis and Dewi Evans both departed for low scores. The Barry batsmen were in a tough situation and were in need of holes pay the lad, then do was Peter Curtis.

when you cross a batsman with his ability.

He immediately took

the Stags home as they reached their target with 9.2 overs to spare, for the loss of just five wickets – claiming 19 points in the

Good win for Thirds

bowling. Kelvin Williams and Steve Jones produced a fine display of seam and Steve Jones fine display of seam and spin bowling. The youngsters had a chance to impress and Rhys Hatton, Tom Ellis and Callum Twomey all contributed in the wickets occurrent of the wickets of the wic

for some average bowling. Jophin Reji was dismissed for just 5, and Baker was dropped by Lewis from his own bowling. Baker recov-ered from the near miss

into semis

man with his ability.

He immediately took the match away from the visitors and mustered up a fine century to finish on quarter-final against 119 not out — a fine Dinas Powys on Monday.

The Stags were assisted heavily by the extrast must go to Ian Gadd for column, but the batting getting the match on display of Thomas saw the Stags home as the reached to the stage home. the toss and chose to bat

Barry began strongly and with the changed for-mat of this tournament, everyone had to bowl two overs each and retire at 35 with the bat. The for Thirds

Andy Ellis led Barry
Athletic Third XI into the match at Creigiau, won the toss and chose to bowl first, to many people's surprise.

However, Ellis' decining in between the sion was soon justified as Barry immediately had Creigiau on the ropes. Creigiau on the ropes. With a disciplined bowling line-up, Dafydd Frost immediately made his mark on the game with a fine display of swing basheys for the Stags.

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Frost After the interval, disaster struck for the Stags. ith a Thomas was struggling with a leg problem and Ashley Baker was caught and bowled for 5. ed a However, Thomas solance winnable situation, after Propelled the Stags to a mance winnable situation, after Rhys reaching 66-1 from 10 and overs.

got, in the shape and form of Andrew Buckland.

He proved his worth

The state of the game to the visitors and retiring on 35 after and cruised through the 23 balls. With the finish-creigiau bowling attack.

Young Tom Ellis fell Evans made a match-on 16 after being caught and bowled by Hywel 30 not out from time the Stars. by immediately taking the game to the visitors williams, but by that balls, and with a useful time the Stags were nearply there and skipper between Evans and Andy Ellis stayed with Richard Eastman, the Stags closed on 144-5 Greigiau off.

Trophy has a story behind it

BACK in the 1930s, it one more time. a rather portly gentleman, known to all

large gentleman, he afterwards. always carried a pencil golf bag with just four clubs in it, and never carlads hanging around outside the caddy master's hut.

the clubhouse), pay the John lad who was lucky 1930s. enough to get the bag, In 2010, the winner, then play the same four with a nett score of 76

He always played 12 holes, with three lads each earning 1/6d (8p nowadays) – though it each earning 1/6d (8p nowadays) – though it was pointed out that the Brynhill Golf Club. As he was rather a took 3d from each lad

Now, some 60-odd years later, the members of Brynhill play an annuried it himself, but gave al tournament known as 1/6d to one of the young The Pop John Tankard, and to commemorate the event each entrant is only allowed to play with four Pop John would play clubs – a wood, two irons four holes (the nearest to and a putter, just as Pop John did back in the









Wick RFC has a warm welcome for players past and present!

Wick RFC has produced this commemorative photo of past and present members. The club would like to thank Atlantic College for allowing the use of St Donat's Castle grounds and The Lamb & Flag for hosting

Deeke moves from Ospreys to the Army

A 19-year-old rugby star from Cornelly has swapped his Wales rugby shirt for Army combats as he prepares to join the Royal Mechanical and Electrical Engineers (REME) regiment this

October.
Deeke Morse played in the Ospreys Academy youth squad and gained a Welsh cap when he played for Wales at under-16 level. He decided to join the Army so he could continue playing rugby at a high level and earn a skilled

After completing a City and Guilds course in Vehicle Maintenance and Repair at Bridgend College, Deeke started work at Extreme Physique in Pyle and still plays for Kenfig Hill Rugby Club. He has passed Army

selection and is currently working towards starting his basic training in Pirbright, and then onto phase 2 training in Broughton, Hampshire, before joining his regiment

Deeke said: "I've been playing rugby since

six wins out of six in

the Bridgend Six-a-

against

Attack.
The Pie Boys also

enjoyed a narrow victory,

beating Hangover Heroes

starred

Croissants make

it six of the best

MATTHEW POND top of division one, and

Croissants made it eight points apiece.
Persil Boys moved top

side football league with Team Extreme sec-

by squeaking home ond after a 4-0 Michael



ABOVE: Deeke Morse.

I was in school and to reach international level was a dream for me. I'd been to a couple of Army taster days in Aldershot when I was in the Osprevs Academy. where I did lots of training and learned Army skills, so when I was unemployed last year I thought I'd go into the Army office about career options.

"In the Army I'll be able to train hard and play rugby at a top level, but I'll also be able to earn qualifications which will help me in the future. The REME

as four sides are now tied on

B Cotter-inspired over Inter Wildmill.

after beating fellow high-fliers Dead End Jobs 3-0

Young Exiles complete the quartet, but were held 1-1 by Laleston Lions, who had

seemed like a good option as I'd already been to Bridgend College to study for my City and Guilds qualifi-cation, so it was the next

step.
"My parents are supporting me all the way and Daz from the Bridgend Army Careers Office has also been a great help. We've been doing running club together, which has been hard work but I've been pushed hard. I'm doing my own training now and I'm looking forward to October when I can get started with the

The REME regiment units are stationed all over the world, with most in the UK and Germany. There are also REME units in Canada, Belize, Cyprus, the Far East and the Falklands

Staff Sgt Daz Woods from the Army Careers Office in Bridgend said: "Deeke is a top candidate and I wish him all the best in his future career with the Army He'll be playing world-class rugby but also gaining professional qualifications that will

stay with him for life."

For more information

on 01656 649318.

Olympic hopeful Helen keeps up the pressure in Olympic run-up BRIDGEND triathlete son, having also finished third

Helen Jenkins is staying on track for the London Olympics in 2012.

The 26-year-old, who was crowned world champion in 2008, proved her London 2012 potential last month, coming home third at the London leg of ITU World Championship Series for the second year in a

That race was also staged in Hyde Park and while not identical, shared the majority of the route of the London 2012 event, which will briefly leave the grounds to showcase the capital's postcard sights.

While it was Jenkins' second podium finish of the seain Madrid, she is yet to hit the dizzy heights of 2008 which saw her on top of the world before a disappointing Olympic debut in Beijing.

Two years on however, and she is adamant she will not make the same mistakes twice.

She said: "I wouldn't say I haven't been giving it all this year, but I want to keep going on the up and up until I reach London, because that is the main goal.

"In the recent London race I couldn't believe the number of people who were cheering for me. I always get a little more nervous in front of a home

"There's a bit more pres-

sure. But it's great practice for the Olympics, for selection races and I really enjoyed

Jenkins' season is set to cli-max at the World Championships Series finale in Budapest next month – giving her ample recovery time before plotting her 2011 cam-

It could have been a different story if Delhi could provide suitable facilities to host an outdoor swimming event but as the Indian capital can-not, the 2010 Commonwealth Games this October does not have a triathlon competition.

The sport's absence has not gone down well with Great Britain's current world cham-

pion Alistair Brownlee, but compatriot Jenkins admits she's not losing sleep about missing out on a passage to

India.

"It's nice not to have to focus on it this year," Jenkins added. "Don't get me wrong, l love competing for Wales and I'll look forward to doing it again in 2014, but as there is a home Olympics in two years there's much more emphasis

on that at the moment."

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SCORPIONS DREAM OF PLAY-OFFS

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SOUTH Wales Scorpions just need a bonus point against York City Knights at The Gnoll next Sunday to qualify for the play-offs in their very first season.

The match kicks off at 1pm and the Scorpions are holding an end of season family day to celebrate their final home game of the

inaugural campaign.
The Welsh side beat Doncaster 22–8 at The Gnoll on Sunday afternoon for their ninth win of the season.

In a match plagued by controversial refereeing decisions, it only took Scorpions three minutes to take the lead when Loz Wildbore dived over from close range; Lloyd White con-

Doncaster's Rob Lunt scored just left of the posts with Aaron Dobeck converting, then adding a penalty to give his side an 8-6 lead.

But the lead didn't last long. Following a scrum. Aled James fed a high pass over to Ashley Bateman who cleanly caught and scored in the corner.

Scorpions extended their lead when Lewis Mills rolled over the line after looking like he'd blown his chance after stumbling when receiving the ball out wide. Loz Wildbore converted and the home side, after being 8-6 down, suddenly were

16–8 up. Wildbore missed a tricky penalty four minutes before the interval but four minutes after the restart, he did successfully convert after Lee Williams took advantage of a loose ball to score a try under the sticks

Paul Hughes was short by centimetres as Doncaster pressed after winning a scrum against the head and feed while Shaun Leaf was also held up, but this looked justified.

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